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## expects, Nelson delivers

Simon Hoggart on Mandela's speech

E WERE in Westmin-ster Hall, waiting for Nelson Mandela, Half an hour before he appeared Lady Thatcher swept down the aisle to cries of "No!" "What a brass neck!" and

"How dare she?" No, she didn't. Of course not. People are far too polite on these occasions. She took her place along with all the other people who'd written him off as a terrorist right up to the moment that his poll ratings improved.

Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, arrived with a large part of his family. Clearly the Mandela visit had become a part of the Season, like Henley. Viscount Cranborne is a Salisbury, a scion of the famly which once ruled more of Africa than President Man-

dela does now. Cherie Blair talked excitedly to Hezza, perhaps gleaning clues about what it's like

to be deputy prime minister: The Band of the Grenadier Guards struck up Men of Har-lech. This song steadied the line at Rorke's Drift in 1879 when the South Wales Borde ers, like Mr Mandela, found themselves under affack from the Zulus.

The session was in West minster Hall, unlike the recent addresses by Presidents Chinton and Chirac. which took place in the Royal Gallery of the Lords. It was fitting: the Royal Gallery is a fake, Victorian idea of monar-chical splendour. Westminster Hall (900 years old next

year) is the real thing. Mr and Mrs Major appeared at the top of the stairs, then scampered down the stairs to make way for the Speaker and of the more pleasing facets of these occasions that the Prime Minister is a mere functionary; it is the Speaker who symbolises the democratic will of

the people. Mr Mandela had to be helped down the steps, grasp-ing Betty Boothroyd's hand so tightly that you could see their knuckles stretched against

But he managed to stand, motionless, listening to Lord Mackay's encomium, his face absolutely quiet, showing no flicker of pride or concern, even amusement. It was the face of a man who has spent decades counting the hours, the minutes and the seconds in prison, a man in whom all impatience has long ago

been stilled. Douglas Hurd, when he met him for the first time, called him "irenic"; it means peace-

PRINCE Charles, who loathes trendy teach-

trendy architects, yester-day warned the nation to stick to traditional teach-

Experience does seem to

show, not to my surprise,

that it is the traditional

methods that help our chil-

dren learn more effec-

tively," he told the Aim

High award ceremony in

London for firms working

with schools to help raise

ing methods.

ers almost as much as



ful, placid, wishing to promote conciliation. Hurd's description was a small tribute from the men who built the Empire, who went to Eton. in terms of Greek mythology

and language.
Then Mandela's speech—
cunningly, sinuously crafted.
It was almost impossible to
hear. Westminster Hall's acoustics are appalling. His

ingly widespread evidence"

of under-performance in

schools, particularly in the primary sector, said the prince. He linked under-achievement at school with

the spread of moral relativ-

ism condemned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev George Carey.

Although the prince reportedly hated many aspects of his own traditional schooling at Gordonstonn

schooling at Gordonstoun, he said traditional teaching

was one of the "vital foun-dation stones" of the educa-

accent is difficult. Helicopters flew overhead. To understand it fully, we had to read it later. it wove together a message of peace, but with his rage at what had been allowed to hap-pen, from the ANC delegation which had arrived here 80 years ago to plead for seek jus-tice and had been turned

away.
"Despite that rebuff and the terrible cost we had to bear as

school, the prince said, led to "a superficiality of exis-

tence rooted in the material

and the transient, to a

moral and cultural relativ-

ism in which quality and virtue lose their meaning,

and to exclusion from the

literature, culture, history and ideas which identify us

human beings".

tion system. He called for a not speak or write English

continuing drive to chal properly, he famously com-lenge "mediocrity and in plained. "All the letters

adequacy" among teachers, sent from my office I have

while supporting the best. to correct myself - and

as a nation and define us as

His concerns about

schools have surfaced in

outbursts before. The people in his office could

Stick to tradition, Charles tells teachers

this honoured place neither with pikes, nor a desire for revenge, nor, even, a plea to assuage our hunger. Then tributes to the British people: the millions who had said "no" to apartheid — Wil-

taught so bloody badly."

Poor economic circum-

stances should not be an ex-cuse for failure. "As I my-

self see, visiting schools in

some of the poorest and most deprived parts of

cities, poverty is not a bar

to excellence and achieveent, he said yesterday.

And the excellence of some

teachers also needed to be

recognised. "We have many

outstanding and committed

teachers, some of whom work under conditions of

great stress in deprived

communities," he added.

"They need our support."

berforce, Fenner Brockway, even Harold Macmillan. Mrs Boothroyd described her own vigils outside South Africa House, hoping, she

Underachievement at | that is because English is

said, to bring a sense of shame to those inside. Labour MPs glowed with pleasure as the Speaker re-discovered her radical roots. Some Tories sat angrily on their hands. For some of us it was a source of pride to be with the one person who had single-handedly dismantled

But to be in the presence of both of them!

Report

School

Pupil: Prince Charles

1953-1956: Governess,

Miss Peebles ('Mispy')

1956-1957: Hill House

1964: 5 O levels, English

literature, Latin, French

1965: Maths O level.

1967: 2 A levels, History

1957-1962: Cheam

language, English

(B) and French (C).

1970: BA (Hons)

Trinity College.

History, Cambridge,

## Girl 'may be too badly hurt

HE schoolgirl who wit-nessed the murder of her

Josephine Russell, aged nine, suffered massive head bludgeoned bodies of her

"Realistically, it may be un-likely that she is able to remember much, particularly

Women living in the area were advised not to let chil-dren out of sight or walk along quiet country lanes until the murderer is caught. Mr Stevens said: "A person who has done this must have

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children's achievement. There was "dishearten-

ssali parvisine possantustra Dibilion alveat andis a waste of # time and money, says a report out today.

Hoss Drummond is a pro gotter with anew attitude, a new caddy - Guardian journalist, Lawrence Donegan - and a set of new results.



## Ulster braced for backlash

## Orange 'victory' angers Catholics

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott

ORTHERN Ireland is braced for a further wave of violence mined to force another Orange parade through a nationalist flashpoint in Belfast.

With political talks falling apart under the pressure of

this week's violence. Belfast was close to boiling point last night following bloody scenes on Portadown's Garvaghy Road, where Orangemen were finally allowed to complete their journey home from a church service five days ago. lets at protesters and batoned -down in the path of the parade. About

1,300 Orangemen marched to the beat of a drum, ignoring the petrol bombs, rocks and abuse of residents. Breandan Mac Cionnaith, leader of the Garvaghy Residents' Association, accused the RUC of being the military wing of the Orange Order.

The Irish government said it was "gravely concerned" and that the abrupt U-turn by the RUC ran counter to agreed approaches between the governments to accord "parity of esteem" to Catholic and Protestant communities.

WE'RE ADDING THE ANNUAL HUMILLATION OF THE RUC.

insisted the decision had been a purely operational matter Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, said there had been no political pressure on the RUC chief constable, Sir

Hugh Annesley.

As the Orangemen arrived in the loyalist lower section of the Garvaghy Road, they were met by a cheering crowd and joined by the Ulster Unionist leader and MP for the area, David Trimble.

He refused to comment to the press and stopped Orangemen hoisting him upon their shoulders in an effort to avoid charges of "triumphalism" which were levelled at him at last year's parade.

But he was overheard tell-ing supporters that "no compromise whatsoever" had been reached with nationalists because negotiations had broken down and the police had decided to force the

parade through regardless. Sir Hugh justified the reversal of his decision last Saturday to prevent the pa-rade by effectively admitting that loyalist violence and the sheer weight of numbers they could command had paid off and the real danger of loss of

life had become too high.
"We had reached the stage this evening and tomorrow when potentially tens of thousands of Orangemen stood to face thousands of policemen and soldiers. The risk to life in those circumstances, accidental or otherwise, was too

great to face," he said.
"I want the Government to look into the issue of how parades and demonstrations are to run in Northern Ireland and how they can be reconciled between the two sides, because . . . I am sick to death of being stuck in the middle of

Sir Patrick later gave him that assurance. "There needs to be guidance and therefore we will be looking very sympathetically and urgently at some means by which an independent and external eye can he cast upon this with a view to making recommendations." Within hours of the Garvaghy skirmishes and with violence erupting in nationalist areas of Belfast, Armagh and Londonderry, more than 50 RUC armoured Land turn to page 3, column 1

## Please sponsor her today, to identify double killer

Nick Varley

mother and young sister may be unable to help find their of her injuries, police said

injuries in the attack as she walked home from school along a country lane with her mother Lin, aged 45, and sister Megan, aged six. Last night she remained in a critical condition in hospital. The mother and sister were found on Wednesday in a wooded area near Chillenden, Kent

suffering from such massive injuries. We have got to rely on other evidence," said De-tective Chief Inspector David

a propensity to do it again."

## tomorrow may be too late

one in four children die before the age of five. The sad fact

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Crisis of succession strikes 250-year-old banking business plagued by deep rifts and rivalries among clan elders

## Rothschild suicide shakes dynasty

News of hanging in Paris hotel replaces claims of death by heart attack after leak to Paris paper

Patrick Donovan and Paul Webster in Paris

old multi-million-Rothschild, who was found hanged in a Paris hotel room, yesterday appealed for pri-vacy for herself and the couple's three young children after the "shocking and dev-

astating" news. Anita Rothschild, 38, issued the statement after her hus-band's bank confirmed that Mr Rothschild had committed

Mr kothschild had committed suicide in his room at the luxury £300-a-night hotel.

She said her husband's death had been totally unexpected and asked for the public to respect her family's "grief and deep sadness".

The announcement that Mr

Rothschild had taken his own life came a day after French authorities had said his death

was due to a heart attack. Earlier yesterday, in response to a short news item in a Paris newspaper, French police disclosed that Mr Roth-

hanged. The circumstances in which Mr Rothschild died are thought unlikely to have been made public if they had not been apparently leaked.

His body was found by a hotel cleaner on Monday. Mrs Rothschild, who divides her time between the family's homes in Kensington, Lon-don, and a farm in Suffolk, flew to Paris after being con-tacted by directors of Roth-

The Foreign Office last night was unable to say if the British authorities were investigation into the death.

Staff at the Hotel Bristol which is near the Elysée pal-

ace were yesterday ordered not to make any public The news has caused huge shock in the City, as Mr Rothschild had been widely regarded as the heir-apparent to the world's legendary banking dynasty. His death is Notebook, page 12



the British arm of the famglobal

Sources say that Mr Roth-schild, who is known to have felt under heavy pressure in his role of chief executive of operations was on a business trip to the Paris-based Rothschild operations. His job in-volved managing investments worth £12 billion and the business was suffering from competition from larger inter-

national rivals.

Mr Rothschild was thought to feel increasingly anxious would eventually succeed Sir vear-old chairman of the Lon-

Mr Rothschild was de scribed by friends as a shy and retiring man, who was far more at home on his farm in Suffolk or indulging his passion for motorsport. He married his wife, a member of the Guinness brewing family. It is known that his father

the late Victor Rothschild put considerable pressure on him to give up farming and join the family bank in 1988. Rothschild directors are expected to discuss the succes

sion problem at a full board meeting. The bank has been suffering a morale problem with six senior executives

recently quitting to take up jobs at rival banks.





Rothschild family tree bank and one of City's most powerful figures

## Reluctant heir who struggled to live up to the family name

Patrick Donovan on the ties that proved too much for the man groomed to take over at the top

ine what was going through the mind of Amschel Rothschild when he decided to end his life in a £500-a-night room at the Hotel Bristol in Paris on Mondey efferment.

pily married to Anita Guinness and his social circle spanned captains of industry, fellow Suffolk landowners and members

of the royal family.
Yet those who knew him
well say he was never comfortable with the public position and status heaped upon him. He was a ner-vous and diffident man

on monday afternoon.

At 41, he was the vastly privileged heir-apparent to one of the world's most powerful banking dynasties. He appeared to be here. more than 250 years. Other big Jewish banking dynasties like the War-

burgs or the Goldschmidts have come and gone. But it has been the strength of the Rothschild ties of blood. religion and money which have helped the clan

But the intensity of these relationships has also driven by his sense of family obligation to dedicate himself to a job for which

worked at the bank. For behind all the glamour there is friction, bordering on outright animosity between the elders of the clan.

The death of Amschel throws a huge question mark over the succession to the bank, casting doubt over whether a bank controlled by a patrician fam-ily can survive in a global financial market increasingly dominated by Wall Street and Japanese banks. The saga is as complex as

the ownership structure of the Rothschild banking empire, which has its main businesses in London, Paris and New York. These are loosely-linked family firms handling billions of pounds of investments, master minding takeovers and privatisations in virtually every international market where money is made.

Presiding over N M Roth-schild in the City of London is the autocratic figure of 65-year-old Sir Evelyn de Evelyn fell out with his Rothschild. He is a bastion cousin. Jacob — now Lord of the Tory establishment. Rothschild - over how NM connections to give N M The half-brother of Jacob Rothschild should develop. Rothschild a seeming mo- Rothschild, Amschel would management operation fail- an outsider,



Evelyn de Rothschild. chairman of the firm

ness Thatcher and Lord Hanson and viewed with a mixture of awe and fear by even senior colleagues.
The seeds of discord within the Rothschild clan were first sowed more than

After a First in History at Oxford, Lord Rothschild branched out successfully on his own. By the end of 1983 he had formed a new outpost of the family em-pire. Charterbouse J. Rothschild, capitalised at more than £400 million and one of the City's largest merchant banks. He was forced to retrench

after failing to take over the insurance firm of Hambro Life, which had been a key part of his strategy. Today he presides over RIT Capital Partners, a £350 million investment management operation and venture capital giant together with J. Rothschild Assurance Holdings and Wall Street-based J. Rothschild

Wofensohn. Sir Evelyn became the majority family shareholder and took ever tighter con-trol. His masterstroke was to appoint Sir Aliehael Richardson, another intimate of Mrs Thatcher. Together they used their government connections to give N M



Jacob Rothschild . . . branched out on his own

nopoly on lucrative government privatisations: the £6 billion British Gas flotation. then British Petroleum and the vastly lucrative electric-

It was during this period that Amschel was called upon to join the family bank.

have been content to continue as a gentleman farmer in Suffolk, but his late father Victor Rothschild - the MI5 counterespionage expert and Cambridge scientist — impressed upon Amschel that his duty lay in joining the bank to be groomed to take over from Sir Evelyn

when he retired. But not only was Ams-chel unsuited to banking. he also lacked his father's intellectual flair, taking a

mediocre degree at London University.
Surrounded by high-flying Oxbridge graduates, he felt his academic shortcomings intensely, particu-larly when he was ap-

pointed chief executive of Rothschild's multi-billion pound fund management operation six years ago. Although he is said to have worked 12 hours a day, he failed to turn round the busi-

ness, losing lucrative investment contracts to fastergrowing competition. Not only was the asset creasingly disenchanted with Sir Evelyn's domineering presence and erratic management style. Sir Evelyn now has to

crisis following the death of his nephew. With his eldest son just 19. Sir Evelyn's own children are too young to take up the mantle before his own retirement in a few years time.

One solution would be to persuade David de Roth-schild, who beads the French arm of the bank to take over in London. But colleagues say there are too many family tensions for such aunification to work. Another solution would be to give the job to Jacob's son. Nathaniel, who is 25 and working in banking in

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New York. But insiders suggest that there is still too much of a rift between Jacob and Sir Evelyn for this to work. Others suggest the family may finally have to turn to

## Patient dies three months after mechanical heart 'milestone'

**Nick Varley** 

AMAN fitted with a mechanical heart three months ago in an operation hailed as a medical milestone has died.

Ralph Lawrence, aged 65, from Kenilworth, Warwick-shire, was feted after doctors implanted the battery powered heart into his abdomen. Only the second person in the country to undergo the pioneering operation, he said pioneering operation, he said their families."

Abel Goodman, aged 61, the Rritain to have a dancing the tango.

died as a result of complica-

Mr Lawrence initially made excellent progress, according to Peter Bagnall, chairman of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust. He was re-admitted because of evidence of a blood infection, which led to a suspected liver infection.
Mr Bagnall said: "We would

like to express our sincere condolences to Jean, his widow, their three children and

first man in Britain to have a But last night doctors at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford announced he had

Berlin Wall guards face trial for notorious killing



East German border guards in August 1962 carry away the dying Peter Fechter, who lay wounded for almost an hour

lan Traynor in Bonn

WO former East German servicemen face manslaughter charges. shot and killed a youth aged 13 who was trying to escape to west Berlin across the Berlin Wall. The incident has long been viewed as perhaps the most notorious killing on the former cold war frontline.

On August 17, 1962, a year after the wall went up. Peter Fechter and a companion were trapped by East German gunfire in the death strip beyond the wall. His companion, Helmut Kulbeik, made it

to the West, but Fechter collapsed after the fail of land been under the wall in 1989.

Alhed soldiers, west German nolice and ordinary west. The charges follow years of man nolice and ordinary west. Berliners looked on helplessly as he lay in no-man's land for almost an hour until East German border guards came and dragged him away by the feet. He died in Yesterday the Berlin prose-cutors charged two former bor-

der guards, one aged on, the other 54, with manslaughter and attempted manslaughter. The guards were tracked down by a German television journalist who researched the

agents of the former East Ger-man regime. The defendants generally contend they were following orders, and many east Germans feel they are condemned by a system of "vic-tors' justice". But many lawyers and politicians argue that the victims are owed justice Three months ago a Berlin appeal court quashed a 10-

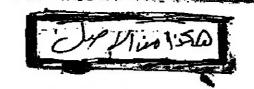
month sentence against another former border guard for wounding a youth, aged 16, files of the former East Ger- who was trying to flee over have testified man secret police when they the wall in 1967. The accused his contention.

many over criminal trials of court upheld prison sentences against two other border guards who killed a man aged 62 who was attempting to flee. At another trial now under way in Berlin, Egon Krenz, East Germany's last Communist leader, and five former politburo members maintain they were powerless to change the shoot-to-kill policy because the Kremlin ultimately decided policy on the cold war's frontline. Senior former Sovjet army officers have testified in support of

LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S CHICHESTER PSALMS AND THREE MEDITATIONS FROM 'MASS' WITH THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. TODAY AT 6:50PM. RADIO 3 LIVE ALL WEEKEND FROM TANGLEWOOD, USA.



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## **Uister** braced for further strife

continued from page 1 Rovers moved into Belfast's Ormeau Road in preparation for today's Twelfth of July parade, putting the largely Catholic area under a 16-hour curiew. Riot police and sol-diers swamped the district. The move came as an appli-cation by the nationalist

Lower Ormeau Concerned Community for a judicial review of today's parade by an Orange Lodge making its way to the main Belfast march — the highpoint of the Battle of the Boyne anniversary celebrations — was rejected by the High Court.
Spokesman Gerard Rice
said: "The RUC are powerless, Mayhew is power-less

and the courts are powerless
... Thousands of RUC men ere swamping this area and beating people off the streets. It's Orange law." SDLP councillor Alex

Attwood said: "It's a disaster. The RUC has compounded error upon error. By and large the nationalist community has been very dignified." The RUC's sudden and often brutal response to this week's violence has prompted growing fears of a republican backlash. The Irish prime minister, John Bruton, said in Paris he would be tele-phoning John Major to 'seek an avaluation for this deri-

an explanation for this deci-sion which I cannot comprehend and ... which I think was very mistaken". The Irish president, Mary Robinson, broke down in tears in Cork when she said: "I have a terrible sense of sadness and heartache over

what has been going on in this island over the past few days." violence and intimidation not witnessed since the early tainly this will be the last marching season without greater political input and control of contentious routes. The issue is certain to dom-

inate next week's political talks at Stormont, which the main Unionist parties said they will rejoin following the resolution of the Drumcree situation. However there is a



## RUC U-turn keeps violence in driving seat

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott on the bitter recriminations in Portadown

damned if he didn't allow Orangemen to march past a na-tionalist housing estate, he had finally done both ... and

he was.
Yesterday's U-turn on the
Garvaghy Road in Portadown
has dealt a shattering blow to
the morale and credibility of force, signalling to both Cath-olics and Protestants that violence is still the most influential force in the province. The inconsistency of secu-rity policy has been starkly revealed. At a hastily con-vened press conference, held

Six days after the RUC allowing the parade to go chief constable, Sir Hugh Annesiev, said he was damned if he did and to han it.

Sir Hugh said the original decision to stop 1,300 Porta-down Orangemen marching down the Garvaghy Road against the wishes of Catholic residents had been made on the grounds of anticipation of serious public disorder.

That decision was sound

Northern Ireland's police when it was made and I have no regrets about that. Since then the situation has deteriorated to a situation that tonight or perhaps tomorrow we could have faced 50,000 members of the Orange Order attempting to push through a line against thousands of

when I knew that the church leaders had been unable to reach that accommodation I had to make this decision."

Clearly angry and frus-trated with the failure of politicians to address the issue of contentious parades, he said: "I'm sick and tired and so are my colleagues of being stuck in the middle of a no-win situation. I want the Government to look at this issue . . . this must be the subject of some sort of commission."

Negotiations between church leaders, Garyaghy Road residents and Orange representatives foundered yesterday morning when talks at a carpet mill, involving the Catholic primate Cahal Daly and the Church of Ireland archbishop, Robin Eames, ended in stalemate. The Ulster Unionist leader,

they will rejoin following the speak to the Drumcree is a splastic bullets were still resolution of the Drumcree is a situation. However there is a situation. However there is a situation. However there is a situation is and the Orangemen were line was breached for loss of speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the speak to the press after the parade arrived at a town centre of the days of the prevention of the prev will now decide to pull out. | down, Sir Hugh justified on. I thought an accommoda- alist", according to an aide. | had been a charade to divert | going to forgive them

tion could be achieved but | But Mr Trimble was over- attention from the RUC plan heard to say to supporters: "We did not get agreement."
Asked if there had been any compromise at all, he replied:
"None whatsoever, because we were looking for agree-ment and we couldn't get it."

He said the negotiators had been trying to establish a deal to last for several years in order to avoid another standoff. The search would continue but would not be easy. Sources said that part of a The outcome of a conflict

deal suggested on Wednesday night included the acceptance that nationalists were entitled to hold their own parades into Portadown town centre — something which has never taken place — but that Protestant hardliners had rejected the idea. A proposal by Archbishop Eames for an independent commission to consider the

to impose the march by force. "They had no purpose. For 21/2 hours we sat in the carpet factory waiting for talks to commence. But those talks never started.

Orange leaders said then was no surprise that they had not agreed to meet Mr Mac Cionnaith personally because of his IRA criminal record. Talks had been undertaken with the local SDLP councillor, Ignatius Fox.

which this week provoked the worst night of civil unrest in 25 years is more bitterness in both communities. A Catholic woman said: 'I have hated the IRA all my life but by God this would make you want to support them." An Ulster Volunteer Force

member said that loyalist anger had gone beyond the mere fact of the prevention of

## **Bosnia Serb** war chiefs face arrest

Richard Norton-Taylor

HE war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia yesterday issued international Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, the two most prominent Bosnian Serb leaders, in-creasing pressure on the world community to take more resolute action to bring them to trial.

The warrants are being sent to all United Nations member states and to Interpol, making the Bosnian Serb political leader and his mili-tary chief, in effect, international fugitives from justice. countries will be under an obligation to setze them if they enter their territory.

Judge Claude Jorda, who announced the move in a two-

hour statement to The Hague tribunal, also proposed new charges of genocide and eth-nic cleansing against the pair, who were first indicted after the massacre at Srebrenica, exactly a year ago.

Expected new indictments

relate to Srebrenica and to ban the Bosnian Serb Demo-the siege of Sarajevo, in cratic Party (SDS) from the which more than 12,000 elections so long as Mr Karadpeople died over 3½ years as Bosnian Serb forces rained shells and sniper fire on sion last week to hand over civilians.

The tribunal was told last week that a river near Sre-brenica ran red with blood as Serb forces alaughtered the Muslim male population after capturing the UN "safe haven", and that civilians struggling to escape the area were attacked with tank and artillery fire. It heard that many of those who fell into Serb hands had their noses, lips and ears sliced off.

Judge Jorda emphasised that Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic were personally responsible for war crimes. power in order to plan, instigate, order or otherwise aid and abet in the planning, preparation or execution of

the crimes". While Judge Jorda rebuked the Bosnian Serbs and Slobodan Milosevic's Serbia for failing to arrest the two men, the decision to issue the war-

the tribunal's jurisdiction.

The warrants were issued as members of the Contact Group on Bosnia — the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Russia

— remain undecided about what to do next to achieve their oft-stated aim to see Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic brought to justice. British officials made it plain yesterday that there will be no change in the mandate of the I-For peacekeeping force.

The mandate — which has been criticised by the tribupeacekeepers the authority "to arrest those indicted persons whom they come across in the ordinary course of their duties", but not to seek them out.

earlier this week between Robert Frowick, the US head of the Bosnia office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is charged with organising the Bosnian elections, and Carl Bildt, the international community's High Rep-

resentative for Bosnia.

Mr Frowick threatened to the Bosnian Serb presidency to his deputy, is sufficient. Britain agrees, arguing that it is essential for the SDS to par-ticipate if the elections are to have any credibility.

Meanwhile, the World Court yesterday rejected obvia — Serbia and Montenegro - to claims of genocide made by Bosnia. Bosnia accuses Serbia of breaching the 1948 Genocide Convention by arming and supporting separatist Serbs in Bosnia.

"The court concludes that consible for war crimes. the application filed by Bos-They 'exercised their nia and Herzegovina on the 20th of March 1993 is admis ble," the presiding judge. Mohammed Bedjaoui, said. · Croatia's commitment to extraditing suspected war criminals was cast in doubt by reports yesterday that a suspect indicted by The Hague tribunalis enjoying sanctuary in Zagreb, AP
reports. The Globus weekly
published photographs of
Dario Kordic standing outrants is designed chiefly to apply pressure on other countries. Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs do not recognise the telephone of the countries of the telephone o apartment in the city.

## Hairy men 'are more intelligent'

Members of Mensa, not labourers, more likely to be hirsute, claims psychiatrist

## Chris Mihili Medical Correspondent

T'S very good news for men like Gary Glitter and Tom Jones, and it could provoke a boom in chest wigs. Hairy men, according to a psychiatrist speaking at a conference yesterday, are definitely brighter.

Typically it is thought that building site workers and others in manual jobs have hairy chests but the reverse is true hairy chests are to be found. among doctors, engineers and others whose intelli-gence has secured them a university education.

Dr Aikarakudy Alias claims members of Mensa.

Dr Alias, of the Chester mental health centre, Illinois, said 45 per cent of medical students in one American study were "very hairy" compared with 10 per cent of the gen-

eral male population.

Other research carried out by Dr Alias in Kerela, south India, comparing around 130 medical and en-gineering students with the same number of manual labourers, found the stu-dents to be more hirsure. Among the engineering students the top six in the class were far hairier than the bottom eight.
"When academic ranking

mong students was examined, the hairier males got better grades," Dr Alias told the conference of the likely to have hairy chests. | Association of European



not just a hairy chest

College of Psychiatrists, in London He said studies among 117 Mensa members had

He added some of the most intelligent men ap-peared to be those who had hair on their backs as well as on their chests. Dr Alias believes the link between intelligence and

hairmess might occur be-cause of a chemical called DHT, a variant of the male hormone testosterone. This not only controls sexual characteristics such as body hair but is believed to play a role in mental faculties.

There were, however, for smooth skinned males there are some famous exceptions to the idea hairiness is linked with

intelligence.
"Men with plentiful body hair tend to be more intelli-gent, but there are also very intelligent men with very little body hair. Albert Kinstein had no body hair," Dr Alias said.

NOTICE PLACED BY THE LONDON PENSIONS FUND AUTHORITY

## **APOLOGY**

## by the London Pensions Fund Authority to Patricia May Eaton

Following the demise of the Inner London Education Authority (the ILEA) on 31 March 1990 and by the passing to the London Pensions Fund Authority (the Authority) on 1st April 1992 of all the functions. rights and liabilities of the London Residuary Body which relate to, or arise from, any contract of employment with the ILEA, the Authority took over the Defence of an action which had been commenced by Miss Patricia Eaton for damages for breach of contract against the ILEA and Mr David Mallen (the last Education Officer of the ILEA) and, in 1993, became a Defendant, again alongside Mr Mallen, in a second action commenced by Miss Eaton for damages for personal injury arising out of her employment with the ILEA. A full and intensive review of the documentation surrounding her complaints has made the Authority and Mr Mallen aware of the following matters:



that there was serious mismanagement of the issues arising out of the events which led Miss Eaton successfully to bring defamation proceedings in the High Court against Mr Terry Horsley in 1983;

that there was a failure by the LLEA to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances concerning the mismanagement of those issues either by instituting disciplinary procedures or otherwise;

that Miss Eaton's professional reputation, career and status have all been irretrievably damaged by that mismanagement and that failure to the extent that she was deprived of her employment and suffered severe harm to her health and future prospects;

that the failure to address Miss Eaton's legitimate grievances was a source of great sadness to her mother while alive;

that the failure to address Miss Eaton's grievances continued and was exacerbated by the withdrawal from her in January 1990 of a Special Enquiry that had been promised to her as a means of addressing those grievances:

that Miss Eaton should have been accorded sight of the report prepared by Ms. Marion Stockley in March 1990 without the need for her to have commenced proceedings in the High Court to secure sight of the same: and

that her distress has been exacerbated by the need to pursue court proceedings in order to secure redress and adknowledgement of the wrongs done to her.

The Authority offers to Miss Eaton their apology without reservation for all the above and especially for the distress and vexation which was occasioned to her mother in the last years of her life and express the hope that such apology, coupled with the payment to her of a significant sum in damages, will go some way to restoring Miss Eaton's health and professional

## Martin Guerre on the musical decline in a barren parable

## First night

Michael Billington

Prince Edward Theatre EOPLE are prophesying the end of the big musical. Frankly Martin Guerre, by Boubill and Schonberg (the team that brought us Les Miserables and Miss Saigon), is more likely to hasten than to delay its end. For all the qualities that one looks for in the musical — wit, passion, a heady ecstasy — are conspicu-ously absent from this lugu-

brious, heavy-going spectacle. A pity, because the story of Martin Guerre contains a fascinating moral conundrum as

shown by the 1982 French movie. There we watched a virile fraudster taking the place of the vanished, impo-tent hero in a French village in 1542, and bringing love and fruitfulness to his barren

But the musical takes an entirely different tack. It blows the suspense by showing the hero, Arnaud du Thil, turning up at the village to report Mar-tin Guerre's death and then being given his identity by the credulous villagers. Even more importantly, it shifts the interest from the elusiveness of identity to the theme of reli-

glous persecution. The main problem is that the show has no real centre. Is it about reinvention of the individual self? Or the power of . romantic passion and the mutual devotion of Arnaud (lain

Glen) and his assumed wife. Bertrande (Juliette Caton)? Or the bigotry and hatred that pervaded rural France. It tries to be about all three and has nothing very original to say. What is notable is its failure

to convey passion. Schon-berg's score lapses into soartral couple bare their souls. and Edward Hardy's lyrics are full of wet lines. The redeeming features of the evening are Bob Avian's choreography and David Hersey's lighting. The former allows dances to grow organically out of a rhythmic foot-stamping as if we are watching a Gallic Tap Dogs and provides that touch of excitement all musicals need. And the latter bathes the stage in gentle russet hues

that catch the tone of a rural

Iain Glen's Arnaud is a sturdy hero deprived of moral complexity, Juliette Caton sings prettily enough as Bertrande, and Declan Donnel lan's production, aided by Nick Ormerod's revolving wooden towers, is clean and unfussy. But the book is thematically overloaded. There also something ludicrous about the conclusion in which, after the display of burning religious hatred, the villagers resolve to "pray,

love, weep, grow". I am all for redemption, but to pretend that Artigat sud-denly turns into Oklahoma is to impose a feelgood ending on show that is about — if it is about anything — the destruc-tive nature of religious zeal. It ust won't wash. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

American fiction is probably not, at present, as interesting and as rich as English, but it does not labour under this awful English burden of knowing too much. So what American fiction teaches is the beauty of a literature of discovery over a literature of knowledge. James Wood

Review cover story

News in brief

## Man wins £27,500 after police assault

A HIGH Court jury yesterday awarded £27,500 damages to a man whose arm was broken by police who "piled in" as he rowed with his girlfriend. John White, aged 27, of Hornchurch, Essex, suffered partial loss of feeling and movement in his arm and fingers. He also needed psychotherapy for post-traumatic stress disorder after he became depressed and suffered

nightmares.

The jury decided he was unlawfully assaulted but dismissed his claim that he was unlawfully arrested and detained by Constables Steven Wells and Shane Richards. The judge will return on Monday to assess compensation for loss of earnings, which will be added to yesterday's jury award, which included a £7.500 figure for exemplary damages.

The court heard that Mr White and his girlfriend, Victoria Redies, were figure a tiff' in August 1001 when Mr White

Sadler, were "having a tiff" in August 1991 when Mr White heard a shout of "Oi" and the officers "piled in" and grabbed him. The Metropolitan Police, which denied liability, said Mr White was hitting and kicking Miss Sadler and the officers

## Tribunal boost for dean

THE beleaguered Dean of Lincoln won a significant victory yesterday when an industrial tribunal threw out a claim that he had sexually harassed one of his former vergers. The Very Rev Brandon Jackson was asked last week by the Archbishop of Canterbury to resign after years of feuding among senior Lincoln Cathelia clarge.

Cathedral clergy.

Verity Freestone, the former verger who brought the case against the dean, said yesterday outside the court that she was determined to continue her "light for justice" and was now considering going to an industrial appeals tribunal. She is also pursuing a civil court action against the dean, alleging that he punsuing a civil court action against the dean, altegring that he sexually harassed her after she had left her job at the cathedral.

Last year, the dean faced a consistory — or ecclesiastical — court trial on charges of sexual misconduct with Miss Freestone He was cleared of any wrong-doing. — Madeleine Bunting

## Fresh witness in Bootle killing

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of Jade Matthews, found battered to death on a railway line in Bootle, Merseyside, confirmed yesterday that a third witness had seen the nine-year-old on Sunday afternoon. She was being pushed along on the saddle of a mountain bike by a boy between 5pm and 6pm. Police had earlier reported that Jade had been seen at a pelican crossing at 5pm that

reported that that been seen at a pentan training at 5µm that evening and at an underpass nearby at 5.25pm.

It is believed that the latest reported sighting would have been between the earlier two. In the first, Jade was walking alongside the boy and the mountain bike. In the later two, Jade was resting on the saddle of the bike as the boy pushed it along. Police have already revealed that in the final sighting, Jade had a bruised tracked and blood on how testing.

forehead and blood on her teeth.

Police last night released two 17-year-old youths and a 13-year-old boy they had been holding for questioning about Jade's murder.

David Ward

## Cornish rebels on the move

THE site of a controversial statue in the Cornish village of St Keverne has been changed to bring peace. Plans to erect a memorial to Michael Joseph and Thomas Flamanck, the two men who led the An Gof protest march from Cornwall to London in 1697, have divided the village. There were complaints the statue was too close to the war memorial, and that two men who were executed for treason did not deserve such an honour. Now the An Gof Sculpture Trust has decided to find a new site for the bron statues. Don Houghton, secretary of the trust, said: "We hope the new position will be accepted by the majority of inhabitants of St Keverne parish and unite us all in the quincentenary celebra-tions of this outstanding hero of St Keverne and Coruwall."

## £12,650 for note to real Bond

A UNIQUE first edition of Ian Fleming's novel You Only Live Twice — inscribed by him to the 'real' James Bond — fetched Estates of Mind, which specialise in original works of science and literature, paid more than \$4,000 above the estimate price for what a representative described as "the ultimate James Bond

presentation copy":

Fleming "stole" the identity of a mile-mannered American

ornithologist when he created the secret agent 007, the contest

The real Jernes

character in 12 novels and seven short stories. The real James
Bond was a neighbour of Fleming when he lived in Jamaica.
Fleming wrote to Mrs Bond in 1961: "I was determined that my
secret agent should be as anonymous a personality as possible . . .
it struck me that this name, brief, unromantic and yet very

masculine, was just what I needed." Fleming met James Bond only once, at the author's Jamaican mansion Goldeneye. On this memorable occasion, Fleming inscribed the copy of You Only Live Twice to be sold with the words:

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## Pilots call off strike **but postal** row grows

EXT Tuesday's planned British Airways pilots' strike was called off last night after an improved company offer. But the postal workers' dispute escalated with the first of four new stoppages fixed for next Thursday and managers pull-ing out of talks.

The British Airline Pilots' Association hailed a deal struck with BA after three days of negotiation as a "great success" and will now put the terms to a ballot of 3,000 flight crew members. Balpa's general secretary, Chris Darke, said all the union's key objectives— higher pay for Gatwick pilots higher pay for Gatwick pilots improved rates for new entry pilots and protection of night-flight sleeping facilities had been achieved.

BA said the agreement was good news and that its customers were the "winners", adding that Balpa would get the same 3.6 per cent increase accepted by other groups of

But just as the potentially most explosive of the current industrial confrontations sub-sided, Royal Mail employees look set to join London Tube workers in an extended pro-gramme of walkouts through

More than 130,000 sorting office and delivery workers are due to strike, the Commu-nication Workers' Union announced yesterday, for 24 hours from 3am next Thursday, July 18, for 36 hours starting on July 26, for 24 hours on August 6, and for 46 hours starting on August 31.

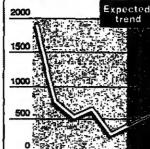
Alan Johnson, CWU joint

general secretary, said the de-cision to call further strikes had been taken with a "heavy heart", but the union was left with no alternative in view of the failure to reach agreement over several days of

Both sides reckoned that progress had been made, but while Mr Johnson said he wanted to keep talking, the Post Office's chief executive, John Roberts, said the decision to call further strikes was so "outrageous" that the publicly owned corporation ther negotiation and reconsider pay and conditions

eals already agreed. At stake is the Royal Mail's insistence on introduction of 'teamworking", which the union believes would involve delivery workers disciplining and covering for each other,





as well as more work and res possibility for a new basic weekly wage of £211. The CWU wants an end to six-day working and a cut in the 41½ hour week, which Royal Mail is offering by the year 2000 in return for extra flexibility and productivity. There are also concerns about threats to the second delivery. Pressure from local CWU activists and his national ex-

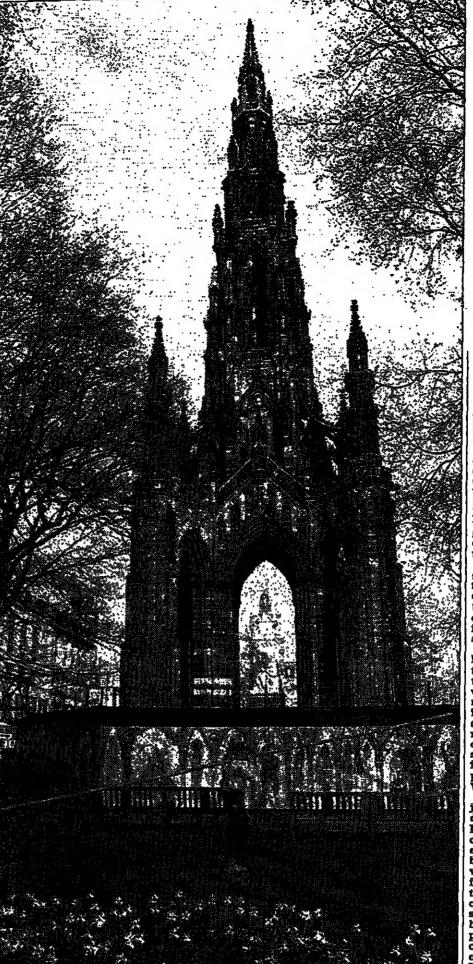
ecutive—along with the legal requirement to call further strikes within 28 days if the original ballot is to remain valid—has pushed Mr Johnson into accepting further action, while the Govern-ment's threat to withdraw the

Sorting office and delivery staff to take action 'with a heavy heart'

Post Office's monopoly hangs over both sides. Combined with this week's

vote by Rail Maritime and Transport union Tube drivers to join Aslef drivers in a series of nine stoppages on the London Underground, also starting next Thursday. the scene is set for a summer of high profile public sector industrial action. Although the overall level of industrial action remains historically low — 1994 saw the fewest number of days lost through strikes since the 1890s — the trend now appears clearly

In both the postal and Tube closely involved in setting the limits within which managers are negotiating, and long-threatened proposals to ban strikes in essential public services are again being dusted down — with the hope that they can be used to embarrass



The Scott Monument, Edinburgh, honouring the memory and characters of Sir Walter Scott, which is to be restored with the help of £1.6 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund

## £1.6m lottery grant lightens Scott's imagery

**Erlend Clouston** on a hero's revival

HB Heritage Lottery Fund has ridden to the rescue of the Scott Monument, the romantic stone steeple in Edinburgh commemorating one of the heroes of adventure fiction, with \$1.6 million for with £1.6 million for restoration.

The money will fund most of a 16-month programme costing £2.2 million. Much of it will go on remodelling the 48 weather-beaten statues of Scott protagonists, like Poly Pow and Franches des or scott protagonists, like Rob Roy and Ivanhoe, which cling to the extravagant 200ft gothic spire erected by public subscription in 1844.

Some of the 287 interior steps worn away by tour-ists eager to squeeze up the cramped spiral stairwell that could have come from one of Sir Walter's gloomier medieval fantasies will

also be repaired. Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, the Scottish trustee of the Heritage Lot-tery Fund, said the award would preserve "one of the most significant landmarks in Europe" for future gen-erations. Yesterday's announcement marks a change of luck for the structure which emerged from an architectural competition shortly after Sir Walter's death in 1832.

The improbable victor, a joiner and self-taught draughtsman, George Kemp, fell into the Union canal and was drowned. An early cash crisis say leads early cash crisis saw la-bourers volunteering to work without wages for a formight. More recently, the listed monument's delicate but increasingly sooty stonework spent two years behind scaffolding and plastic sheeting as its owners, Edinburgh district council, tried to persuade Historic Scotland it should be cleaned. After an inquiry the Scottish Secre-tary decided dirt would do chemicals.

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In a final indignity, one of the monuments' huge sandstone ninnacles had to be tied on with ropes last year after a routine inspection revealed it was about to plunge on to a Princes

## Teacher training colleges face fresh Ofsted visit

Donald MacLood **Education Corres** 

MEACHER training colleges are to be rein-spected for possible shortcomings in basic reading and numeracy training despite an 18-month inspection pro-gramme which found only five institutions with unsatisfactory

new inspections by the Office trendy, progressive methods for Standards in Education which they blame for poor would focus on the teaching standards in the classroom. of reading and number work and rank colleges and univer-sity education departments

on a seven-point scale.
Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, confirmed the Ofsted rankings would be used as the institutions with unsatisfactory departments.

Chris Woodhead, HM Chief Inspector, said yesterday that stitutions as the source of

The first "sweep" of the 67 institutions training primary teachers — looking at English, maths, pupil assess-ment and colleges' quality control — had cost less than I million. Mr Woodhead autumn, he said.

However, even colleges la-belled "sound" had signifi-cant weaknesses and inspec-tors had to keep up the

believe everything in the gar-den is rosy." Head teachers will be recruited as additional inspectors to revisit a crosssection of institutions in the

Mary Russell, secretary of the University Council for the Education of Teachers, said: "Is the reinspection because the initial results did not suit somebody? There has been a great deal of time and effort and cost to the colleges and

money spent through Ofsted." Mr Woodhead said the new nspections were in response to concern about primary standards and the feeling among some young teachers that they had not been ade-quately prepared to teach reading. Head teachers were also expressing concern about

teachers considered their new

initial training, although a 1992 survey by Ofsted found more than 90 per cent of head

schools, as well as the public | staff to have been adequately prepared for their first post. Of 34 college reports pub-lished to date, 19 contain as-pects considered "sound", de-fined by Ofsted as "shortcomings, if any, balanced by positive features". Lancaster university decided to close its Charlotte Mason college after damning report.

In English teaching, 61 per cent of colleges were judged good or very good, and in maths, 55 per cent.

## Police face new discipline clampdown

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

EASURES to modernise police disciplinary hearings, including reducing the standard of proof required to take action against an officer, are to be introduced next year, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The discipline package will be tied to a new police code of test of "beyond reasonable conduct setting out the stan-

The reforms will also allow disciplinary proceedings to take place while a criminal trial is pending against the of-ficer concerned. The Police Complaints Au-

thority yesterday welcomed the changes, particularly the decision to change the stan-dard of proof required in disciplinary hearings. At present the criminal law

doubt" is required to disci-

new ways of dealing with un-satisfactory performance. | will be replaced by a test of "reasonableness" in all disciplinary cases. It is expected to lead to many more successful disciplinary cases being

brought against officers.

A Home Office spokesman explained: "Where a disciplinary hearing is considering minor misconduct, it would be appropriate for it to apply a standard of proof at the level of the balance of probabilities. As the seriousness of the misconduct increases, so will the standard dards expected of officers and | pline an officer. In future this | of proof required. In the most

serious cases the standard of proof will resemble that used fact remains that the officer's conduct was clearly unaccept-The decision to allow disci-

plinary proceedings to take missal," said a Home Office place while a criminal trial is spokesman. pending means officers may The Police Federation ini-be thrown out of the force tially opposed such moves as much more quickly. The Home Office cites the ex-

ample of a policeman caught cer denies rape and says it was for the court to decide whether

able and could justify dis

placing some officers in dan-ger of facing "double jeopardy" as it would be possible having sex in a police car in a they could be disciplined for charges on which they were claims she was raped. The offi- later acquitted. However, the federation has dropped its consensual. "Whilst it must be criticism after discussions with the Home Office.

Pensioner oses sex equality fight for cheap fares

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

A PENSIONER lost a five-year sex discrimination battle over cheap bus travel in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg yester-day. The ruling against Stan-ley Atkins, from Telford, Shropshire, will save the Government millions of pounds in threatened compensation

claims.

Mr Atkins, aged 68, challenged the legality of a concessionary travel scheme operated by Wrekin district council, Shropshire. He claimed the scheme, which allowed women has passes for allowed women bus passes for cheap travel from the age of 60, but men only from 65, breached a European directive requiring equal treatment of the sexes in social security matters.

His lawyers argued that such schemes, authorised by the Transport Act 1985, were statutory schemes which provide protection against the risks of old age", and therefore covered by the directive. But the court held concessionary travel schemes were excluded from the directive because schemes benefited not only pensioners but students and the disabled.

## Too much flower power

**Geoffrey Gibbs** 

BACK in the heady flower power days of 1967, when Scott McKenzie was flying high in the charts, the advice given to those going to San Francisco was clear. "Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair."

Thirty years on, attempts by a teenage namesake of the singer to use a flowering plant to recreate the hallucinogenic experiences of the summer of love in a Torbay flat came near to disaster.

zie, aged 17. joined a friend in | Singer of the eponymous sew-chewing the leaves of Angel's | ing machine family, is now Trumpet, an exotic plant growing in a council garden.

Perhaps thinking he had wings, he jumped 2011 from

the balcony of a first floor flat into the road below, putting himself in hospital with severe spinal injuries. A driver was forced to brake suddenly when he landed inches from her car. His friend was treated in hospital for hallucinogenic effects.

Police traced the source of the drug to a plant growing in the beautiful gardens of Old-Rather than tuck flowers way Mansion in Paignton. was not covered behind his ear, Scott Macken- The property. built by Isaac use of Drugs Act.

owned by Torbay council, which has dug up the offend

ing bush. Rupert Baker, the council's tree officer, said all gardeners knew the plants were poisonous. "What we had not bargained for is maniacs deciding to give themselves a quick thrill with it."

Inspector Brian Edwards, former head of the Devon and Cornwall drugs squad now based in Torbay, said the two young men had not committed an offence as the plant was not covered by the Mis-

## **Dover swimming with fish** dating back 800 years

Maey Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

FHE good news is that

Dover is awash with cod, herring, ray and sole. The bad news is that the fish date from the 12th century.

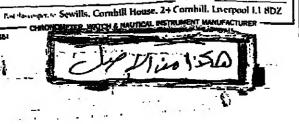
A medieval fish processing centre, where archaeologists believe the same families worked for generations in cramped sheds, has been found in the heart of Dover. The site is due to be concreted over next week for a BP fill-

ing station.
The wealth of archaeological evidence came as a com- edge of the old Roman port.

plete surprise to the team from Canterbury Archaeological Trust, which is carrying out developer-funded rescue archaeology before building starts,

Excavation director Keith Parfitt's team has discovered the remains of small, flimsilybuilt sheds, reconstructed on the same foundations between the 12th and 13th centu-

The enormous concentra-tions of fish bones and shells must mean that this was an industrial site, a commercial fish-processing area, on what was then the waterfront at the



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## Police advise Kent villagers not to walk alone along quiet country lanes and warn that murderer may strike again



## 'Local man' may be family's killer

Police believe attack was planned, reports Lucy Manning

Kent of Lin Russell and her six-year-old and her six-year-old daughter, Megan, believe a local man may be responsible and could strike again.

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens, leading the inquiry, appealed for information yesterday and said that the killing might have been pre-planned.

pre-planned.
"Given the nature of the injuries, there would have been

a lot of blood and anyone involved is likely to have been covered with a lot of blood. We would like to hear from anyone who has been seen with bloodstained clothing."

Mr Stevens described the murders as an "utterly, ut-terly frenzied attack . . . by a

OLICE investigating person prepared to use extended in the family home the double murder in treme violence. It is the work in Nonington, near Canter-bury. Mrs Russell had picked her six-year-old ranged." A post mortem her daughters up from school of someone who is clearly de-ranged." A post mortem revealed both died from multiple fractures to the

skull, having received more than 15 blows to the head. Mrs Russell's second daughter, nine-year-old Jose-phine, also suffered skull fractures and is critically ill in hospital. Detectives had hoped she would be able to reveal vital information about the attacker, but now believe her head injuries will prevent her remembering much about the attack. Her father, whom police describe as "a tremendous help", is at

The bodies were discovered on Wednesday a short dis-



Murder victims Lin Russell and daughter Megan, above right, survivor Josephine, centre, and, left, police search woodland yesterday where the bodies were found near Goodnestone, Kent.

right in the skull. In my 23 years of experience this is the most horrific, terrible murder I have ever had the misfortune to come across. The menmetal hammer or ice pick was Police spokesman Mark Putality of the person who could do this is beyond my imagination." gash confirmed there had been a positive response to their appeals for information. Forensic scientists were examining the scene, but there "The response has been good, but it is too early to tell

ecovered, but police think a I and we will continue to inter-

was likely the attacker would strike again. "A person who has done this must have the if it will prove to be produc-tive. There is a high profile

and we will continue to interview everyone and conduct a fingertip search." A criminal psychologist is to draw up a profile of the killer.

Mr Stevens said the nature of the murders meant that it and are hoping the police have advised villagers not to walk along quiet country lanes, or let their children out of their sight, and are hoping the police have advised villagers. presence will provide some reassurance.

However residents say in-

the village. "People feel very exposed to each other," said the problem for the village was that there was no in-dication the attacker had the Promis Centre, an addiction rehabilitation clinic near strange atmosphere, every-body is talking about it and the speculation is

straordinary." their parents were very The owner of the post relieved I had done so."

'In my 23 years of experience this is the most horific, terrible murder I have ever had the misfortune to come across. The mentality of the person who could do this is beyond my imagination'

> Det Chief Insp Dave Stevens

'People feel very exposed to each other. There is a very strange atmosphere, everybody is talking about it and the speculation is extraordinary'

Patrick Williams, chef

'I took my newspaper boy and girl off their rounds this morning, and their parents were very relieved ! had done so'

> **Duncan Whitley** post office owner

said the problem for the vil-lage was that there was no in-

gone away. "One woman I know went round her house with the dog, looking in every cupboard. I took my news-

paper boy and girl off their rounds this morning, and

## Auction room takes it lying down as boudoir relic goes under the hammer

Mattress that once supported Hugh and | forms of Hugh Grant and | picking up the prostitute | together. The antiques | Divine Brown in his car. | dealers and private collec-Liz gets the media crowd in bidding mood

TA HAT price one competition of the day

was in

yesterday, among the wal-nut armoires and mahoga-ny wardrobes, the fiercest V tress, slightly Sleepeezee Grand Luxe Mr Grant had returned been so soiled?

At a Bath auction room ported the recumbent in California, arrested for Hugh

Mr Stevens said the pair had suffered an appalling death. "There were multiple

was no sign of a struggle or

Just a year ago, it was carried ostentatiously into Littleton House, near Bath, past the ranks of photogra-phers, where the most public private reunion of recent times was taking

The floral-patterned Slee-peezee went, it transpired, into the master bedroom.

It was up for sale yester-day at the Gardiner Houl-gate auction rooms with the other contents of Littlebeen sold. With it was the picnic bench where Liz and

tors were bemused. "Tm not interested in the slight-est," said Tony Hart. "A second-hand mattress?

Ugh. It's disgusting."
But no considerations of taste disturbed the bidder furniture its fame in the first place — the media. Great Western Radio (GWR-FM), based in Bristol, fended off the Sunday

Mirror to clinch the bench Then in a needle match of winks and nudges, it beat off rival breakfast show Galaxy 101 and the Daily Sport to claim the mattress too—for £550.

GWR intends to give away both items as compe-tition prizes in a live radio show at a hot-air balloon display later this month.



Lucky bidders David Blackborow and Howard Taylor from GWR PHOTOGRAPH SARAH LEVALLANT

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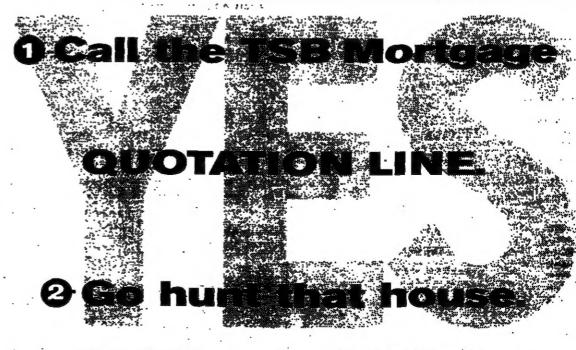


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## **Lebed wins right** to vet all top jobs

David Hearst in Moscow

ORIS YELTSIN repaid his political debt his new security ad-viser, yesterday by giving him powers to vet all senior government appointments.

In two decrees, General Lebed got most of the powers he demanded. These include the right to control and co-ordinate all the "force ministries", discipline their officials and screen any candidate for a senior post "at the president's reques

The ministry of atomic energy, the tax inspectorate, and anyone providing "information security" will now answer to him.

Since coming third in the first round of the presidential election. Gen Lebed has been talking like the new sheriff in town, demanding wide pow-ers to clean up crime. He was instrumental in Mr Yeltsin's second-round victory over the Communists.

Mr Yeltsin had to reply in

kind, but safeguard his hold on the levers of power. Gen Lebed has to work through the president and, in hierar-chical terms, he remains below the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. Gen Lebed will not have a direct influence on economic policy, nor will he hold the purse-strings of the army.

But informally, he has secured the keys to the president's antechamber, inheriting the role played by Mr Yeltsin's former bodyguard and confidente General Alexander Korzhakov.

ander Korzhakov. Gen Lebed now has the right to present to the presi-dent the "right" candidate, or the winning policy. This was the power of political patronage that Maluta Skuratov en-

Islamic morals

come unstuck

## 'at any cost'

SENIOR Russian com-manders vowed last night to "finish off" rebel Chechen fighters, no matter the cost in civilian lives, writes David Hearst in

Their pledge followed the death of a top Russian commander whose armoured vehicle hit a landmine outside Gekhi, the village Rus-sian aircraft have been pounding for three days. Major-General Nikolai Skripnik, deputy com-mander of the North Cauca-

shortly after the explosion. Russia's deputy commander in Chechenia, Vla-dimir Shamanov, said Russian aircraft and artiller would continue to attac villages, including Gekhi, and he called for "ruth-less moves against those

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joyed with Ivan the Terrible, Lavrenti Beria with Stalin. Speaking with the circumspection of a senior bureaucrat yesterday, Gen Lebed grunted: "They [the powers] suit me fine. It's enough for

charge of a Moscow crime-fighting campaign, with 10,000 extra policemen to be appointed by next year. Three hours before he spoke, a bomb exploded in a trolleybus, severely injuring the driver and four passengers. Like the bomb that killed four passengers in the Moscow metro, it was intended to warn rather than to maximise

Chechen rout bag of vegetables as the near-empty trolleybus was ap-

No one claimed responsibility, and it is unlikely that discount the possibility that bombs may be planted by goverriment agent provocateurs.

The army Gen Lebed has effectively taken control of is in crisis. The senior military command is pinned down by a withering fire of corrupti charges from the general who took Grozny 16 months ago, Lev Rokhlin, now a Duma

General Rokhlin admitted this week that his claim that the former defence minister Pavel Grachev had been "mired in corruption" was timed to prevent candidates from coming forward to fill Gen Grachev's place.
The allegation was meant to

stop senior officers like An-drel Kokoshin, the first deputy defence minister, getting the top job. Gen Rokhlin claimed that

Gen Kokoshin knew there was concern about a contruction firm, Lukon, but gave it a contract to build housing for army officers. He claimed that the contract was never

chief military inspector, Kon-stantin Kobets, also touted as a possible successor to Gen Grachev, of corruption, claiming his son Yuri was a co-chairman of Lukon. Gen Kobets sald his son had never

held the post.

The battle of the generals is serving Gen Lebed's interests. He has been pressing for a man outside the military ap-paratus, General Igor Ro-dionov, head of the general staff academy, to be made de-fence minister. Gen Rokhlin has denied having any tact with Gen Lebed.



Pickets . . . Striking miners block the railway near Donestsk in the Donbass in support of their demand for months of backpay Photograph: GLES GAR

## Ukraine's unpaid miners step up strike

TRIKING miners in Striking miners in eastern Ukraine stepped up the pressure on Kiev to pay their wages yesterday, blocking railways into the industrial city of Donetsk, after a warning by President Leonid Kuchma that an "emergency regime" was needed to cope with the country's economic crisis.

As senior government min-isters arrived in the city to negotiate with the miners, local railway officials said the strikers had used pieces of wood and machinery to block the lines. Some have not been

Interfax-Ukraine news agency said the miners had received a telegram of support from Ukraine's main railway union. Teachers and metal workers were earlier reported to be joining the action by an estimated 200,000 miners in eastern and western Ukraine.

Mr Kuchma issued his nobyl nuclear power station, warning on Wednesday in a speech to the normally frac-

tious parliament, the Rada, which with unusual speed approved his nomination of Pavlo Lazarenko as prime the president told parliament.

A series of enigmatic cabi-net reshufiles has left observers guessing about the eco-nomic direction Mr Kuchma intends to take after securing the adoption of a new Ukrainian constitution in June.

But the new prime minister gave no hint that he was about to diverge from the fis-cal policies backed by the International Monetary Fund, which have slashed inflation and left millions of workers unpaid. With forecasts of a poor

grain harvest threatening to add to the country's woes, Mr. governments for emergency loans to help pay the wages backlog, amounting to almost

Ukraine already has a such as the big metallurgical £1 billion IMF credit programme, is seeking billions more to help it close the Cher-

ment that Mr Lazarenko's government would have to take unpopular measures. It would zency regime in the economy without an overall state of emergency in the country". Monthly inflation was

down to 0.1 per cent in June, a far cry from the hyperinflation of the early 1990s, and the currency has risen as the govern-

ment cuts spending.
Critics say the cuts have been artificial, achieved by the government's not paying employees and organisations what it owes them. Mr Lazarenko's speech sug-

payments crisis by closing more loss-making pits and increasing pressure on the in-

plants, to pay their bills.

The debt to the miners amounts to more than a third of total unpaid wages.



Gen Alexander Kuzmuk:

are old, deep, almost exhausted and appallingly un-safe. Three working miners country's 227 mines are al-Industrial unrest in the

ready scheduled for closure. Donbass is particularly dan-gerous to Kiev because the Many of the mines in gerous to Kiev because the from the president's he Ukraine's Donbass coalfields region is a focus of pro-Rus-region of Dnepropetrovsk.

timent. Donetsk has been un-expectedly tolerant of Ukraine's independent status so far, but a yearning for closer ties with ethnic kin to

Mr Lazarenko became act ing prime minister a month ago, after the sudden sacking of Yevben Marchuk. A chain of dismissals followed — most recently that of Valery Shmarov, the only civilian defence minister in the CIS. He was replaced yesterday by a serving general, the head of Ukraine's national guard, Alexander Kuzmuk.

While some commentators have sought an ideological pattern in Mr Kuchma's noves, the changes seem to have more to do with regional lobbles and interest groups than with policy change. Mr Shmarov was unpopular with have died in accidents since Shmarov was unpopular with the strike began. Thirty of the potential rival to President Kuchma, and Mr Lazarenko. like many members of Mr Kuchma's inner circle, is from the president's home

## under assault by 'Israeli gum'

Douglas Jehi In Mansura, Egypt

F IT is true, as is whis-pered here, that certain young women in this pro-vincial capital have let lapse, then no one wants to believe they fell prey to

The cause — the curse — is said to be chewing gum laced with aphrodisiacs. The source, it is firmly believed, is Israel, bent on corrupting Egyptian youth. Female virtue is so highly prized in rural Egypt that murdering a daughter can be justified as a crime of honour. Doctors in Cairo

specialise in hymen-resto-ration surgery. In Man-sura, rife with talk of orgies on the university campus, the spectre of moral breakdown has created a crisis.

"It was a joke at first," said Doza Mosalem, aged 19, a student in the school of engineering. "We began hear rumours that a girl had sex with seven boys on campus and another had sex with several in a car." In recent weeks there have been anti-Israeli newspaper reports and allegations by an MP, Fathy Mansour, of a "huge scheme to ravage the young

population of Egypt". A health ministry laboratory analysis found nothing in the brands of so-called Israeli gum — traced to smugglers in Gaza — that could stimulate sexual the minister, Ismail Sallam, told a news mail Salian, told a news conference last week. The vice-squad in al-Dagahlya province found nothing to back up the reports. But in Mansura, 80 miles

north-east of Cairo, loudspeakers on mosque mina-rets blare warnings repeated in Friday sermons. An university official said several women had confessed to her that they had had sex with male students after chewing the gum. "We women are very weak," she said.

Amira, aged 21, said she had accepted a ride and a piece of gum from two male classmates and had lost control. "I thought that this feeling was just be-cause I was alone with them in the car. But gradually I was beginning to wish inside that one of them was with me in the back seat."

The authorities in Mansura have swept the gum from the streets, closing kiosks and arresting deal-

ers for smuggling.
"Women should be more prudent." said Sayada Abdul Moneim, aged 20, her hair veiled. "I now use a brand of gum that is made in Egypt. It is not very good quality, but at least it is

## **Bruton backs** federal force

HE new Irish presidency of the European Union is to press its partners to establish an FBIstyle European police force prime minister, says Ireland will give priority in the Maastricht treaty review negotia-tions to strengthen Europol. the existing police co-ordination agency, and the fight against cross-border crime. He has made no secret of his desire to see EU countries give up some sovereignty to aid the struggle against international crime and terrorism. He told some heads of government in Luxembourg this week that the EU needs a fed-

to operate across national frontiers. The idea of a federal police entity with power to act itself is something we agree on," he

eral police force with power

"While we are sitting here criminals are so organised they could be holding similar well-planned summits. The powers of Europol should be

would begin work immedi als to put before the Maas-tricht treaty intergovernmental conference. He

significantly enhanced to combat this."

The Irish EU presidence ately on more detailed propos

powers of arrest in member states — the force might be given. This is expected to be one of the issues discussed at a special Maastricht treaty review summit in October. Mr Bruton knows he has

John Bruton, the Irish Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and the governments of Spain. litaly, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Mr Kohl proposed an FBIstyle federal police force

when the Maastricht treaty was negotiated in 1991. It was fiercely oppos the British government and Britain has subsequently insisted on being excluded from arrangements under which the European Court of Justice is empowered to rule on dis-putes affecting Europol.

Europol, based in The Hague, has been mainly con-cerned with exchanging intelligence data between national police forces. But it is becomming more active in the struggle against international

the idea that the president of the Commission, or possibly the president of the European Parliament, might be elected directly by all EU voters simultaneously in all 15 mem ber states.
"It will be very important

to give the people of Europe important political decisions which they can take together would not be drawn on what

## News in brief

Nato pledge

Mr Kwasniewski said that

after a timetable was set at

the December meeting, invita-tions to candidate countries

to start talks would be issued

and talks would start in 1997.

All Poland's main political

parties regard Nato entry as a

top priority to avoid a "grey zone" of European security.

Moscow opposes Nato's

growth, especially the inclu-

sion of Poland, which borders

was long within its sphere of

influence - Reuter.

forward.



A boy holds a microphone up to a statue of Queen Victoria in a poster in Hong Kong advertising an opera about the British colony's return to Chinese rule

## Saudi Arabia turns down 'unworkable' elections

HE president of Saudi Arabia's advisory council. Sheikh Mohammed bin Jubair, yesterday ruled out, on Islamic grounds, the prospect

of elections. He also ruled out the possibility of women joining the appointed council.

"In elections, candidates

require publicity for their campaigns, and this could lead to negative campaigning which is not approved in Islam." he said in London. Elections would raise tribal

considerations and the prospect of votes being bought, and they would not produce the same calibre of members as the appointed system. "Seeking public office was

disapproved of by the Prophet Mohammed, and this would hinder a number of religious and educated people from be-coming members." he added. The present 61-member council, the Majlis ai-Shura. is appointed by King Fahd.

Sheikh Jubair was speaking at a press conference at the end of a three-day visit by five council members to meet Mr Major and MPs. The council, set up three

years ago, cannot veto legisla-

regulations. Council debates are closed

the public and press. Sheikh Jubair defended the for Poland council's record, saying that laws on trademarks, the envi-ronment and the publishing industry had been discussed. The issue of media coverage and the public's attendance was being "studied". In the meantime, people

could submit views to council members through the pet itions committee. Asked about security problems for Western forces in the kingdom, Sheikh Jubair de-

nied there were any foreign forces on Saudi soil. He said: "We have experts and trainers, especially in aviation ... There is not in the kingdom an occupation army, and I would like to con-

firm that there are no complaints whatsoever about US trainer personnel." Sheikh Jubair said that his council did consult women on issues concerning them, but not in the council premises. "In principle, women cannot sit next to a man and give advice. Consulting women is done outside, through their on its Kaliningrad region and

institutes," he said - seated

next to a woman interpreter.

## Taiwan urges China summit

President Lee Teng-hui of Tai-wan called again yesterday for a summit with Jiang Ze-PRESIDENT Clinton has told Poland it will be min of China, but Beijing res among the first countries inponded coolly to the island's vited to join Nato after a meeting of the alliance in De-cember. President Alek-

latest attempt to break the year-old political deadlock. "To start a new era in comsander Kwaspiewski of munications and co-operation Poland said yesterday.

"There is no doubt that across the Taiwan Strait and ensure the stability and pros-Poland will be among the first countries invited to negotia-tions on joining the North Atperity in the Asia Pacific region, Teng-hui would like to meet communist China' lantic pact," he said on his highest leader to exchang opinions," Mr Lee said. return from a visit to the United States, describing US assurances as a step or two

## Stop the smog

The European Union's top environment official, Ritt Bjerragaard, called yesterday for government action against the ozone pollution which increasingly chokes European cities in the summer. — AP. Staying in jail

A federal judge in Phoenix

Arizona, has ordered six Vi-

Angeles. But he released an other other six to their homes, where they must remain in confinement until

## Internet curbs

Singapore unveiled measure yesterday to regulate political and religious material on the Internet, and keep its patch of cyberspace free of pornography. - Reuter.

No gay marriages A bill prohibiting California from recognising same-sex marriages, but amended to sanction gay and lesbian unions as "domestic partnerships", won the narrow ap-

proval of a Senate committee

## in Sacramento. — Los Ange-Eta bomb attack

Basque separatists exploded a bomb yesterday at a hotel in Jaen, southern Spain, the fourth attack this week against tourist sites. - AP.

Sri Lanka killings per militia members being held to answer charges of At least 40 Tamil rebels and four policemen were killed yesterday in two separate inbuildings to remain in prison. | Cidents in eastern S urites Christopher Reed in Los | officials said. — AP. cidents in eastern Sri Lanka.

## Norway accuses Burma of torturing consul in jail

ORWAY said yesterday it had evidence that its honorary consul in Burma was Rangoon prison last month. The Norwegian deputy for-

eign minister. Jan Egeland, said Oslo held the Burmese military government respon-sible for the death of James Leander Nichols, a 65-year-old diabetic with a heart condition, who was jailed for three years in May for operating home telephones and fax machines without permission.

deprivation in prison and he was not given adequate medi-cal treatment," Mr Egeland sald. "Sleep deprivation is a known torture technique. That it was used on a person with a heart ailment and who had diabetes makes us hold the Burmese authorities resnonsible for his death."

Nichols, an unaccredited representative for Denmark Norway, Finland and Switzer-land, died on June 23. Mr Egeland said it was "beyond any doubt" that Nichols was a political prisoner, jailed be-cause of links with the opposition leader Aung San Suu

firmed rumours that other forms of torture had been Norway also had evidence

He said there were uncon-

that Nichols had died in jail and not in hospital as the Burmese government said.
Mes nwhile the United
States secretary of state, War-

ren Christoper, has revealed US plans to consult its allies in south-east Asia on ways to curb the "new tide of repression" in Burma, including a possible international economic boycott. - Reuter.

## North Korean swims south

ANORTH KOREAN brick-factory worker said yes-terday he had swum to South Korea because people in his country were being treated "like dogs and pigs".

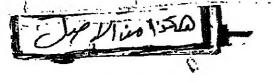
Choi Seung-chan, who left behind a wife and child, was picked up early yesterday in waters around the South Korean-held island of Kanghwa, in the Imjin river estuary on the west coast. after swimming for three days, using three bicycle inner-tubes to stay affoat.

them. I think something was wrong with them because I now have a stomach ache," he People in North Korea were

starving to death, he said. "I lived under the mountains in Kaesong and I saw everyday one to two people who died from starvation being buried. "In a village nearby I heard that parents who had no food to eat strangled their young child and then committed suicide," - Reuter.



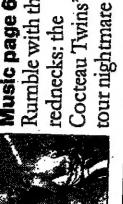
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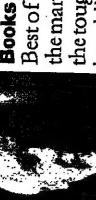
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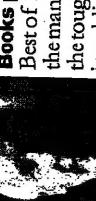


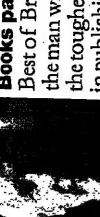




















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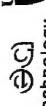
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Most of these writers know too much. They produce a literature that is alraid of ignorance. Martin Arnis is the great example of knowingness in this country. His novels are packed with knowing comic riffs and jags. That his novels fall so easily into these routines and recitatives suggests something about their often journalistic nature. Amis's comic riffs are sealed—sealed from each other, and hence against living with each other in the novels. This is because they are units of the already known. Amis is always an adjective shead of his characters—and in this sense, despite all the differences, he has more in common with A S Byatt's corrective omniscience than he might like to acknowledge.

There is a revealing moment in Amis's latest novel, a bird singing outside his study. He reflects: "Say birds were just parrots and learned their songs from what they heard: those trills and twitters were imitations of rivulets, of dew simpering downwards through the trees. Now the parrot had left its jungle and stood on a hook in a pub shouting "Bullshiti". But it is not just the bird that Amis is describing here—it is the English novelist. Just as birds cannot just be birds any more, so the novelist cannot just be a novelist any more. The incomic last of the incomic last and so the novelist has lost his dewy innucence, too; the novelist.

shiti" a lot. The novelist knows too much (too much), horror, too much cynicism, too much (too much), horror, too much cynicism, too much weakness); therefore the novelist must be knowing.

Although American fiction is probably not, at present, as interesting and as rich as English fiction, it does not labour under this awful English burden of the century, has something important to teach, which is the beauty of a literature of discovery over a literature of knowledge. Proust reminds us that what we world, obstructing our access to what he calls "true is impressions". True art breaks this crust; but a mere "literature of description", which is no more them faithful to what is already known by us, cannot do this urfler and us, by what he already known. But this illusions of discovery is one of the siyest illusions in narrative, for the writer must seem to surprise him self, and us, by what he already known. But this illusion of discovery is one of fection's greatest beauties—this fite sense that the reader is completing the second half of a truth whose stalk the writer has merely uncovered.

English fiction, in the past 40 years, has not been good at helping us towards this. But fiction should seem to offer itself to the reader's completion, not the writer's. The writer should seem to know less, not more; to follow, not bully; to suggest, not state; to be on the end of what has been said. American fiction, which has been good at this, may teach us it. American fiction the blow through our open English windows.

James Wood is a senior editor at the New Republic. This article is based on his easey on English liction in The Oxford Guide to Contemporary Writing (ed John Sturrock), published on 27 July.

## Mission no one should accept



the mean-spirited narcissism of m Cruise treating the best spy ries of the 190s as his personal k, and displacing Jim Phelps, the ol, avuncular masterspy of the iginal, with his own hypermbustible action hero. He even intimate with Pholps's wife—es the boy have Oedipal probasor what?

lems or what?

For all its 'coptey chases and exploding fishtanks, Brian De Palma's bloated extravaganza doesn't have an lota of the style of the original. De Palma's biggest mistake is to remodel the series as a suspense story in which things can, and do, go wrong. The point of the original is that nothing ever goes wrong. The impossible Mission Force's capers are always flawlessly executed, the inexorability of their purpose underlined by the tense military fatton of Lalo Schifrin's incidental music. The team would set up elaborate traps for double agents, drug barons, bearded men of uncertain provenance. No matter how devious these villains were, they would always react exactly as predicted, always take the halt offered, always end up standing in just the right spot to be shot by their cohorts when their treachery was revealed. No one ever noticed that the guard that the guard

bara Bain) was a top model whose face was featured on a magazine cover at the start of each episode.

The series was not about adventure, but patience. Its suspense was that of waiting for meaning to be revealed. The viewer's task was to piece together the team's cryptic sctions—as suggested by the sctions—as suggested by the sctions easy suggested by the story (it's the one thing that he palma gets right). Each show functioned like a whodunit tempered with a dash of Popular Electronics. You never understood the overall picture until the end, but from time to time, partial answers were given to time, partial answers were given to time, partial answers were given to the team's operations revealed.

## on a mission from God were priest-like: they were The impossible Mission Force

as pure stage magic. Lest week, they faked a lift accident so that a heavy could be syringed in the back; they could easily have nobbled him without going to such extremes, but the point was to do it as tortiously and as theatrically as possible. The tawdriness of the decor, with its flat grey backgrounds, served the same function: the team's fake hotel rooms and heroin factories were self-evident sets and set-ups, temporary facades for their play-acting, to be dismantled at the end of each story. Flaunting its artifice, every caper was really a meta-caper.

All this was not just spectacle, but also ritual, in the religious sense. The IMF team were priest. If the their deliberateness, and for good reason—they were on a mission from God. In the film, the team work for the CIA, a bunch of

harassed bureaucrate; the original Phelps answers only to an invisible delty. At the start of each programme, he would go to some mysterious location — a deserted tourist spot, an empty chema — to receive instructions from a voice on a tape: "Your mission, Jim, should you choose to accept it..."
The silver-haired Phelps was Moses in the wilderness, a patrister five seconds. If he and his team failed in the mission, the voice warned, the "bureau" would deny all knowledge of their existence. Consider the spiritual resonance: Phelps has free will to accept or refuse, but once accepted, the challenge has the highest stakes. If the team fails, they will to accept or refuse, but once accepted, the challenge has the highest stakes. If the team fails, they will be disavowed: their very being is in the balance. These bland men and woman, with no existence outside their actions, are existential heroes totally devoted to justifying their tasks.

Hence the series' rigorously pared-down style — no frills, no deviation, no fleshed-out characters. Everything is directed towards the outcome: the team's progress towards meaning.

"Nothing heryeard-diguises and return will be revealed. The series is about faith — their faith in the mission, our faith that they will guide us towards meaning.

"Nothing happens by chance; there are no alternatives; no fantasy, everything is heavorable." That describes the series perfectly; in fact it's Susan Somtag's description of the chema of the Franch mester Robert Bresson thres their tale-graphic dislogue, robotic acting sityle, precise perflous actions performed in total concentration, and above all their absolute spiritual stakes, Bresson thres for Mission: Impossible, We can only suppose he wasn't in when Tum Cruise called.



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stream publishers, so that now, it seems, every half-baked travel narrative ever written is out in paperback, but Eland remains the cynosure in this area, harking back to an era when a publisher's imprint was a reliable indication of the quality of a book. Hatt's money-back guarantee has so far been taken up, he tells me (by e-mail, naturally), by only three people.

The latest Eland titles, David Eidd's Peking Story, an elegant memoir of the last days of the ancien regime in China, and Michaela Reid's Ask Sir Jumes, a blography of Queen Victoria's doctor, appear later this month. You can download an excerpt from these (or any other Eland title) at the aforementioned website. Hatt hopes, of course, like other entrepreneurs in the electronic market-place, that the new ubiquity of cheap information will give him direct access to his specialised but widely distributed audience, enabling him to reach readers other media cannot touch. And, wily angler that he is, he is lying in walt now for the first hits on his new site and a resultant flow of

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been a tiny island of standards, Eland has consistency

orders from those hooked by the seductive prose that gitters there. He also solicits suggestions for other titles to be included in the expanding Eland list. I can't say I've had any luck in this area — he has turned all my proposals down—so there are clearly limits to his good taste, but we will forgive him that.

Hatt is also the author of a quirky but extremely useful travel guide, The Tropical Traveler, which tells you, among other things, where to hide your cash and passport in situations of potential danger (under an elastic bandage on the thigh), how to combat jet lag (drink only water) and why nitrasonic devices for repelling mosquitoes don't work. In his new role as an electronic publisher he plans to make an updated edition of the book available on-line from the Eland site in the autumn, doubtless with hyperlinks to relevant Eland titles. Here, among the flotam and Jetam of the information ocean, is a real treasure trove.

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Jonestown by Wilson Harris 256pp, Faber, £9.99 Jenny Turner

utopian community as much as anything else. Well over half the Americans who settled there in the seventies were black, delighted to be founding a racially equal new society.

Then, in November 1978, a charismatic crazy known as the Reverend Jim Jones persuaded over 900 people to poison themselves with cyanide, organising shootings for any who demurred. The question of why the Jones town colonists seemed happy to follow orders is examined, most usu-

ally, with reference to the social psychology of cults. Wilson Harris, however, is not a social psychologist, but a founding father of contemporary Caribbean writing, born in Guyana in 1921. His poetic investigation of the Jonestown massacre abandons the reductive wider, more ambivalent streams of wider, more ambivalent streams of world geography world history world myth—"In my archetypal tiction I call Jim Jones Jonah Jones."

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(Penguin 20th-Century
d Classics, £8.96)

Those who think Waugh's satire
ton pointed or obvious to need critical apparatus (and I was one)
should think again. Jacobs's introduction and notes re-antinate the
novel; the formor, in particular,
being a triumph of sensitive close
reading, useful knowledge, and
fintelligent and illuminuting specution that makes you go "coo, I
never realised that" about two
duzen times, and is a joy to read to
boot.) And in a world where jourantism ignores chaos to cover the
exploits of trivial personalities
and zombie celebs, the novel itself
is as perfinent and caustic and
finny) as ever:

The Primitive, by Stephen
Amidon (Indigo, ES.99)
Excellent moral thriller in which a struggling thirtyish copywriter from a moribund South Caroling town rescues a woman from a carweck and then becomes gradually involved in what can be confid-

The Holy Blood and the Holy Graff, by Michael Balgent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln (Arrow, £6.50)

"Revised and undated with explosive new discoveries", it says an the cover, but little of substance has been added as far as I can tell. The "discoveries" are details which substantiate the authors' original theory, which was, in a nutsitell, that the Seven Last Words from the Cross were "let me down now, everyone's gone home." A classic of the religious conspiracy such a slog to get through, in convincing people largely burause it is such a slog to get through.

reality and into an endless wandering across myth and history, collecting images for what he will call
his "dream book." Mr Mageye
reappears as a Vooloc-like jester
figure. Bone's mother reappears as
the Virgin Mary and as Marie
Antoinetta. And the reverend
appears in many guisos, some
times as Ahab, sometimes in the
belly of the whale.

Bone has written an introduction
to his dream book, which he has
sent to the author in the form of a
letter. In it, he explains how, in
order "to be true to the broken communities, the apparently lost cultures from which i have sprung", he
has turned for inspiration to the
ancient Mayan system of twinning
past and future, "which [is] regancient Mayan system of the western
mind". Indeed. Without this handy
introduction, what follows would
read as close to psychotic.

Witson Harris, I would imagine,
is willing to risk this unintelligibilty as an inevitable byproduct of
the real business of his novel.

which is not with psychosis but syncretism. Like the Caribbani syncretism. Like the Caribbani syncretism. Like the Caribbani solidanciose to that of Bone's raving of solidanciose to that of Bone's ravings — torestore is attempting to combine the central themes of quite different cultures in a way that makes emotional sense. The trouble, it seems to me, is that cultural syncretism is in reality a social process, involving many explores over longish periods of time. This scoped into one life, one mind, it's not surprising that the results look close to madness.

It is difficult to talk about these things without getting anthropologically detached. This presumed by law by Harris felt it necessary to add an explanatory introduction in the first place. By doing so, he certainly adds to the reader's understanding of what the "living masks" of his "theatre" want to tell us. But by opening his novel on what amounts to a crib of the rest of it, he risks spolling the poetic of this sproperly begun.

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Season of Blood: A Rwandan
Journey, by Fergal Keane
(Penguin, 26.99)

All but the most conscientious of
us, you feel, have skinnined
through, rather than absorbed, the
news from Rwanda, either because
it is too awful to contemplate or it
is relegated to what a Friend of
Keane's calls the "kids in the fridge
school of journalism". As Keane
says: "Where television is concerned, African news is generally
only big news when it involves lots
of dead bodies." Political analysis
— which, had it been timely, could
have prevented most of the carnage—goes by the hoard. (Our
nage lideas about Hearts of Darkness etesters allow people to get
away with mass murder.) This
book provides all the analysis you
need; but as an eye-witness
scount of the carnage (and, pro
rata, the Hutus' attempted genocide of the Tutsis is up there with
the century's greatest acts of calculated evil), it is also terrifyingly
instructive, a photograph of heil. James Kelman (Minerva, £6.99)
Welcome reprint of Kelman's 1987
collection of short stories and
micro-fletions, vernacular prose
poems which fuse the rhythms of
both modernism and Glaswegian
street speech. Alasdah Gray says
that "Gute Chick" is "the funniest
short story in the British language", but I think "Samarians"
is funnier: "Good, I says, but I'm
thinking well fuck you as well,
that's my last fag man I mean jesus
christ almighty." ontly described as a web of sex, crime and decoil. This sounds like familiar enough territory but as its strengths include some wonder-hally snappy dialogue and an unexpectedly interesting sub-plot about the death of culture, it makes for an original addition to the genre.

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Penguin Modern Poets 7:
Donald Davie, Samuel Mensehe,
Allen Gurnow (£5,98)
Samuel Menashe's little poems,
like Emily Dickinson sprinkled
with hundreds and thousands,
actually make me Ill, but the New
Zealander Curnow's are fine; buy
this, though, in memoriam limiald
bavie, a poet indifferently treated
in his own counity. "By the end of
the third stanza/death is a smell
no longer; it is a problem of style."
One small question; as the juents
in this collection date from 1949,
what is the word "modern" duing
in the title?

books are now expensive).

Enthence excuses much Ancient historian Russell Meiggs was given to "rolling in the snow in his bathing costume", while another long-lived ancient historian Arnaldo Monigliano "lacked all pomposity and most of the social graces, even forgetting his own retirement dinner — an act which he described as 'a triumph of the lid over the Ego."

done was uninteresting, the done was uninteresting, the street of the Dictionary of Nation seed editor of the Dictionary of Nations of Blography. Well might Stephen, first editor of the Dictionary of Nations of Blography. Well might Stephen, the grumble, for it was to kill him, even though when he began work in 1882 (lust two years before the first of 60 volumes appeared), he was fit enough to sire a daughter, with a flammary on that metaphorical neutral quest for Z, stalled at Q. Stephen's was a troubled spirit, with terrible genetic consequences, and one maryels at his capoling and quelling of the contributors before handing over to his deputy. Sidney Lee.

Anecdobes are legion. Although Writhly and correspondent. Stephen spoke of "the susceptibilities of a most fret. ful and unreasonable race of men, the antiquarles"—one was so cantender sent him a somet of but the antiquarles"—one was so cantended and there sent him a somet of abuse. The weeping widow of an indian army officer walled, "My condear husband slew with his own gas sword it in his blography". Stephen felt that he had "been diagged into the damnable thing by fate like a careless workman with the deed, and there is not a word of it in his blography". Stephen felt that he had "been dragged into the damnable thing by fate like a careless workman with the administration one holiday he said he felt better—the and immediately keeled over.

over the Ego".

Who remembers that Doris Langley Moore wrote The Technique of the Love Affair, about snaring a husband, unlikely but fitting precursor of her Byron studies? Or that Rubbra died in less-than-exotic Gerrards Cross? 1949 is another era, when designar "Ted." Thiling was asked by "Gorgeous Gussy" Moran "to design her tennis dresses for Wimbledon, and the underwear to go with them. The lace trimmed panties he made for ther caused a sensation, and told that he had put vulgarity and sin into tennis, he was barred from working at Wimbledon for many veers."

scholarship and gossip which is biography.

The quirks which are the DNFs charm are a happy distraction from the task it invarishly aids.

When depressed, the essayist Logan Pearsal Smith took it to bed and duly recovered. Its worth—and faults—are all the greater with the fresh serendipities of the CD-Rom, an amazing bargain which contains everybody to 1885. Limitless connections are possible, schoolfriends and graveyard neighbours available in an instant; but tap in "suicide" and the word scarrely occurs, a reflection upon coroners' reluctance to put the illatical are consisted.

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repulsive. Waugh's stace is assured that this is the "elaboretion and extension" which the novelist sought but feared uneconomical. Matthew goes further, adding a post-it to those which gariand the computer screen upon whose innards the new version is accumulating. Waugh had said that no account of Mrs [Eugenie] Strong, the art historian, "is complete that does not mention her early beauty and her late fanatical devotion to Mussolini".

That is now in hand. This is not one man rubber-stamping posterity but an artwork of advisers free from the perils of a committee. We are fortunate that computeric

"We are fortunate that computersation can now handle such a work.
Others who went over to computers halfway through have found all
sorts of difficulty."
Nobody will be dropped, not
even Mrs Harrison. "In the sixtles,
many army officers and clergymen
might have gone, which would
have been rash, for Empire and
clerical studies have since grown.
Dictionary of National Biography
is a perfect, adaptable title, Just as
Stephen's reflects his time, so I
hope that this will do the same for
the diversity of ours.
"From the Romans onwards, we
have some 15,000 new entries. A
DNB entry is all the thography
ith at some subjects need and it is at
its best in these. Some — Queen
Victoria — were too long. Anybody can make suggestions. We



Angry mobs brought the city to a standstill because they couldn't get tickets. Students queued for hours to get a glimpse of their favourite stars. The event? An international congress of architects. Kester Rattenbury reports

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ger for architectural was clear from the tidal elegates that flooded

further found there was no room for them in the small conference wenues and erupled on the streets of the old city in a chanting, clapping rabble until a makeshift stage was built in the square outside the Museum of Contemporary Art. The four-day event was eventually rescheduled at one of the city's Olympic stadiums.

Badorganisation may have been the immediate cause of the uproar, but the myod of reballion goes deeper. "We are guns for hire, said Charles Correa, the influential Inglan architect who had the misfartune to make his Gold Medal presentation to the Royal Institute of British Architects at precisely the time that Prince Charles chose to make his "carbuncie" speech in 1984.

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Corrects point — and the mesage of the congress as a whole—
as that architects have for too
nog been passive participants in
he power games by which cities
re built, pandering to the vested
atterests of developers or politilans rather than following their

you should be people who are involved in the destiny of the human race... don't be like me and my generation."

Architecture, said the American "deconstructivist" architect Peter Eisenman, "at least since the French Revolution, has been an ideological position, in the creation of new forms — hospitals, prisons, public husting." Now it was increasingly seen either as mere infrastructure, or as an arm of the media, a polarity represented by Norman Foster's "accommodation of infrastructure."

sented by Norman Foster's "accommodation of infrastructure" on the one hand, ant on the other his own "critical architecture" — eccentrically shaped buildings whose shape and form is designed as a comment on the society that builds them. This was not enough, he told the delegates. "You have to look outside."

From the vasily differing schools of thought and activity represented at the congress came a consensus: new forms of information technology were revolutionising the ways in which people, buildings and communities needed to operate. Architects had a crucial part to play in that process.

## Artyfacts

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singer Simon Raymonde, below, wondered if they would come out alive. When the Cocteau Twins agreed to support Metallica at a metal-head fest in deepest Kansas, They did ... just

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contemplate, but the challenge of just the one show seemed quite appealing, in a perverse sort of way. The logic was quite simple. Even if it all goes horribly pearshaped, then we'll be able to put it down as a life-enriching experience. If it all goes well, then we will become drinking buddtes with Joey Ramone and invite him onstage to duet with Lz on an ethereal version of Sheena is A Punk Rocker! The reality, however, is all so different.

When we arrive at the site, it when we arrive at the site, it seems idyllic enough, situated next to a small lake. There are two bodies engaged in some form of sexual endeavour at the edge of the water, but from my dressing room winder the site of the water.



of their music seems surange of their music seems surange sync with the white, right-wing stitudes of most of these people, yet they are currently being pelted by small balls of dried mud. After a few moments, they down tools, and leave the stage, while the crowd, delighted at the outcome of their shuse, crupt into notsy celebration. I decide to return backstage to the more welcome company of the

I had always found the Ramones quite inoffensive Like a US version of Gary Glitter. A bit embarrassing, perhaps, but relatively harmless. Today, however: I find them offensive. At the end of one of their songs, Joey Ramone, in a rare moment of animation says, "By the way in case you didn't know, we are the Ramones, not the Shrimp Cocktail Twins!" Well, I can't imagine many circumstances in which this would be funny, but in front of 30,000 master?

After my dinner, I stand on a hill overlooking the festival site, and contemplate why it is that thousands upon thousands of people choose to stand in 100-degree heat, and attack the very people that they have paid good money to see. I decide that it is because they actually find the music utterly boring, although they don't realise it yet, and, after a few numbers become resiless and irritable. It's like placing several toddlers in a room with just one toy, and expecting them all to play quietly. I therefore conclude that when we take the stage their lives will become suddenly enriched. They will give up all their wordly goods and embank on a spiritual journey which will culminate in a pilgrimage to a free concert in Tibet. An hour or so later, I will realise that this was perhaps a little fancilly.

Kurt Hammett, guitarist of Metallica, is about to introduce us to the audience. So, as we wait side-stage for our cue to go on, Kurt comes over to say hello, I'm struck by his knowledge of Cocteau-land. He appears to be a massive fan, and has seen us a number of times over the years. I'm not sure why I find this to be such a huge surprise, but it is nevertheless, and sure enough, within minutes we are walking out to the stage with this guy. His presence is greefed with enormous enhusiasm by the crowd, and in a very eloquent speech, introduces us as "my favourite band, the Cocteau Twins. They're flickin' greet!"

I'm eternally grateful to him, as his words probably give us some breathing space, to either win the audience over, or to get out of there before they realise what kind of band we are. When I sit down at the piano to play Half-gifts, an extremely slow, melancholic ballad, I'm laughing hard at the absurdity of this moment, and say to Elizabeth, our glorious singer, "I must be cray, playing the acoustic piano, at a metal-rest." She laughs too, and as we start the song, I think back to Joey Ramone and wonder if he's ever taken a musical risk this big. To my great surprise, at the end of the song, some of the audience cheer, but mostly they are silant, wondering what the hall Kuri was talking about, probably.

hurtle my way is a boiled sweet and a cassette, which hits my lag during a song called, sporopriately enough, Caliskin Smeck. Then all of a sudden, a huge bang occurs on stage, and all the amps go off. We naturally stop playing, and stand bemused, looking around for help. A few more beings are heard, and in hindsight perhaps this is when we should have gone off. The crowd become restless, and sensing that we are not in control of proceedings, decide that they have seen enough. Seconds later, the power is restored, and when the first mudball lands firmly at my feet, their victory is in sight. We fight on regardless, eager to play our way out of trouble, but once the fax is spotted, the dogs won't give un Mud is hitting the target more frequently, and I'm beginning to feel just slightly vulnerable. Then Liz catches one full in the face, yet with great style and aplomb despite the huge cake of mud in her gob, says a very polite "thank you", turns and Veillow His words send his pals into whoops of delight.

We then talk for ages about school, Kanass, girls, music, you know, all the Important things, then finish up with a fantastic discussion about Oasis. They lithik it quite hilarious that Oasis have such a high opinion of themselves, referring to an MTV spacial which contained an interview with Noel in which he declared that they "would be bigger than the Beatles". They ask what a Wonderwall is, and collapse into hysterics when I suggest that it's just something that thymes with "after all".

If turns out that Morn will be along to pick them up at ithm, that's if "she can get her fat but off the soft long enough". My taxl pulls up, and I bid them goodbye amid a flurry of handshakes and high-fives. As the driver moves off, I chuckle at how things turn out. Just when I was ready to dismiss a whole generation, along came those three boys to confound my expectations. That they had even heard of the band, let alone liked us, bidew me away, and I return to the hotel with plenty of dirty laundry, but with spirits restored.

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Perry Farrell, who launched Lollapalocas several years ago with
the prime objective of bringing a
wide variety of musical styles
together, has stated his fear that
this type of tour is a "dead dog".
Ironically, he has withdrawn his
involvement this year; so that he
can set up a new touring festival,
featuring music of a more eelectic
nature, I wish him luck.

s Codesau Twins play the T in the Park segow on Sunday and on the ardian stage of the Phoenix Festwal Shatlord-upon-Avon on Thursday. If einglie Viblane is out now.

We were all being pelted. Then Liz

caught a mud ball full in the face

we return to our trailer; dainw. Once we return to our trailer; dannage inspection reveals that all of our clothes received "hits", and Glizabeth's face now washed, just stings. Kurt is first into the trailer, embarrassed that his audience would behave so, but full of praise that we stuck at it. He reminds us that we stuck at it. He reminds us that we strent state in the US, and remembering the spate of recent attacks on Afro-American churches across this region, I take his point.

Later on, after Soundgarden have themselves fallen foul of the projectile midple. I find that the projectile midple. I find that the only way to get back to the hotel is to wait at the top of the highway for a tax! Seeing as everyone else seems to have gone. I walk there on my own. As I reach the corner, I notice three boys larking about. "Hey aren't you in the Cocteau Twins?" one of them asks.

They look about 12, which means they're probably 10, and remind me of the children in the movie of Stand By Me. The small chubby one has a Marilyn. Manson T-shirt on. The others favour two different Soundgarden designs, one green, one yellow. "You guys were aresome!" says Marilyn. Says Green.

"You guys were aresome!" says Marilyn. Says Green.

"Are you not staying for Metallisa. "Nas. They suck!" says the Straight to the Slaughterhouse

Kurt Vonnegut's classic novel at the Munich Festival Andrew Clements finds serious flaws in the opera of

Music 7

opera can be a foolhardy business for composers and libretitist. Imagine compressing at great book — Middlentarch, say, or One Hundred Years of Softude — Into a text that not only cran be stung but also conveys the essence and sweep of a richly patterned tarrardive in a three-hour span. But there has never heen a shortage of composers willing to attempt the tangostible; the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with illustrious corpses of familiar and the history of opera is littered with their novelistic sources can be easily counted on one hind; there's littered with their novelistic sources can be easily to continuity and familiar and the history of the sillustrian to can be preased to successful operation of a complex, intractable novel is hans. Alting on the work rather than a sacrod masforplece aroused considerable controversy in the city.

The premiered the supplies of himself among the has subhished himself among the heading German composers of his generation, with five music the light had a real gift for evocative, dramatic pacing and a quick lyrical response to text.

But Yonnegut's teeming, vertiginous novel is the story of Bully Pilgrim, a middle-aged, middle-income American of operations of the history of Bully Pilgrim, a middle-aged, middle-income American optometrist, who as a prisoner discovers that he has become "passite in time", he constantly ris war witnessed the frebombing of Dresden in 1945, and who later discovers that he had rensported to the planet Tralfalmadore, where he is anabilitied in a zoo, and mated with.

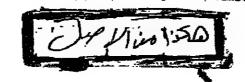
The result is an intricate patchwork, weaving in and out of past
and present, America, Europe and
Traifalinadore, in a surreal parade
of inages which are by turns
comic and appalling. The book
coheres wonderfully, but through
its steady accumulation of detail
and the subtle cross-referencing of
incidents rathor than its clear navrative iltreat as characters, all of
them in some way flawed or psychologically incomplete, collide
with Billy at various points of his
life. Everything boils over when
Billy's memories of the Draden
conflagration finally come to the
surface, and for Von Bose the problem was choosing to tease out of
this bundle of material, to decide
what is important and what is in
operatic terms dispensable, and
give it a musical shape.
Some of his selections are
strange ones - one of his biggest
set-pieces is a drag show
Cinderella put on in a POW camp
that seems almost incidental in
Vaniegut's book, while another
whole scene is built out of just a
couple of paragraphs in the original. Apart from Billy, played by
two singers representing the
young and older man, the other
characters filt in and out of the
getion without being given any
depth or motivation, and Von Bose
eften makes the complexities even
harder to follow by presenting
episodes simultaneously. It's an
attempt to convey some of the
richness of Vonnegut's time shifts,
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would be very difficult to fallow: Eike Gramss's production in Munich (designed by Cottifical Pilz) does its best to separate these layers, but sometimes only acids to the dramatic confusion.

There are a couple of narrators, called Evangelists after the style of Bach's passions; one of them wanders about the stage, microphone in hand, like a talk-show lost, the other, austore and contained, sings his descriptions in Bachian pastiche. It's a clever telea, but almost the whole of Van Bachian pastiche, it's a clever telea, but almost the whole of Van Bachian of direct quotation: there are athere allusions to the St John and St Matthew Passions, as well as to Beethoven's Ninth, The Magic Finte, Der Rosenkavaller, and to Kurt Weill; when Von Bostrequires a clinching intesical gesture he turns to the past, so that his own tone of voice can only he gimpsed very occasionally between the anecdotes.

This web of material is danger ously inconerent; the whole sense of Slaughterhouse Five, the trapicomedy, slips through it. There are some superbly committed performances, especially from Martin Garther and Uwe Schoenbeck as the two Billys, and from Paul Daniel in the pit, who works wanders in coordinating this mass of music, vocal, orchestral and electronic sound and turning it into some sort of sense. But their efforts, and those of everyone involved in this massively ambitious undertaking. cannot disguise the flaws in the opera, which has to be consigned to the category of honourable failures.

Bless this house . . . the opera doesn't quite



## Britain confronts US over Cuba law

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

NGRILY accusing the United States of damaging transatlantic relations, Britain yesterday signalled formal retaliation if to issue a formal complaint to President Bill Clinton goes the World Trade Organisation ahead with penalties against non-US companies trading

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, "strongly condemned" the exclusion from the US of two prominent British businessmen, announced by Washington on Tuesday. He said the Government

was under pressure to introduce "counter-measures", which could include denying visas to US businessmen.

prously with the US. "A lot of hard-hitting options are being looked at," a senior official said. "Clinton knows this is going to be an irritant in every meeting he has with European leaders." Britain and its European

Union partners are now likely (WTO) about Washington's action, taken under the controversial Helms-Burton law. It penalises non-US compa-nies trading with Cuba. Two inconclusive informal sessions have taken place. Tension has been building

up for weeks, but it worsened yesterday when the US told Canadian and British businessmen they would not be allowed in.

Nine senior executives and shareholders of the Toronto-based Sherritt International The Foreign Office com-plained of a "wrong-headed restriction" and vowed it would take the matter up vig-based Sherritt International nickel-mining corporation were formally told they would be denied US visas. Two are

## Washington penalises UK companies with 'stolen' assets

Americans and the anti-Castro extremists in the

Republican Party can exert

British investment is val-

ued at up to £100 million. Exports — chemicals, medi-

year amounted to £19.2 mil-

cines, machinery -

any influence on policies."

and Mexico.

ORE than 20 leading and three British engineer.
British companies ing firms have pulled out. could be ordered to give up their holdings in Cuba or face charges in US courts under the Helms-Burton law, writes Ian Black. They include the tobacco company BAT, sugar trader ED & F Man, Tate & Lyle, Fisons and Glaxo. British firms with assets

on the island are furious about the US law.

Rea, a former deputy gover-nor of the Bank of England,

in a strongly worded state

ment, the Foreign Office said

the idea that excluding Sir

and Sir Patrick Sheehy.

BAT is about to receive a letter warning its executives to "desist from know-ingly trafficking in stolen property or face permanent exclusion from the US". Peter Scott, chairman of a

London-based investment company, said last night: "It's all comic opera. Everyone knows this is just because it's an election Tate & Lyle has already year in the US and this is stopped operations in Cuba, I the only time the Cuban-I rum, citrus fruit and sugar.

British - Rupert Pennant | from the US would put pres | Mexico and Italy would be in | ties can be imposed on any formed in the next few days sure on the Cuban regime that they would also be barred from the US and from made "no sense whatsoever". restriction on their freedom to sending their children to visit travel and do business,"

or study there. US officials said executives Under the Helms-Burton

Imminent sanctions against non-US companies trading with Iran's oil industry pose problems for British firms.

Britain ranks as Cuba's fourth-largest trading part-ner, behind Spain, Canada According to figures com-piled by the Department of Trade and Industry, of the £330 million of British exports to Iran last year, half went to the oil and gas sector, while the London office of the National Iranian Oil ion, against imports of Company spends about £10.6 million — cigars, £40 million annually in

> foreign company owning property in Cuba which was seized from US citizens in the 1959 communist revolution. Executives and owners of the offending firms — and their spouses and children — can

International pressure — applied unsuccessfully during - will now intensify on Ma Chinton to waive the part of the law which allows US citi-zens, including those born in Cuba, to sue and claim dam-

ages in US courts from for-eign firms benefiting from as-sets on the island. But this must be done by Tuesday — coincidentally the date of the EU's general affairs council meeting where the WTO procedure could be

approved. The Foreign Office said pointedly yesterday that it was in touch with the WTO. A formal submission to the Geneva-based WTO (the successor to Gatt) is a long process. The eventual findings of a resolution panel, for compliance or compensation, are binding on member states.

Mr Lang told the American Chamber of Commerce in

be barred from the US. | ernment will be pressing the US administration to rescind this useless measure before it comes into effect.

"By penalising the invest-ment interests of its closest allies, the United States is damaging transatlantic relations seeks to challenge. Although we support the United States' aim of bringing about democ-Iran and Libya to renounce their hostile policies, we reject these methods."

Similar US legislation to pressure the "pariah regimes" in Tehran and Tripoli is expected shortly. Brit-ain is concerned about the wider principle of extra-terri-toriality, driven by powerful US political lobbies, and has been unusually tough with the US over this. It fears a precedent for Nigeria or

## Perot tries again for White House

Martin Walker in Washington

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OSS PEROT, the Texan billionaire, has de-clared himself ready to run once more for the presidency of the United States. He will begin with an attempt to capture the nomination of his new Reform Party — one elec-tion, at least, that he appears

Despite polling 19 million votes in 1992, the maverick Mr Perot has aroused little public enthusiasm this time. But opinion polls suggest that he could get more than 10 per cent of the national vote, reflecting frustration at a choics between the scandaltinged President Clinton and the former senator Bob Dole.

who is 78 this month. "If the people want me to, certainly, I think it's pretty obvious now I am dedicated to this country," he said on his favourite programme, CNN's Larry King Live interlaunched his 1992 campaign. He was lured out of his usual refusal to commit him-

self by Richard Lamm, a for-mer Democratic governor of Colorado, who declared on Tuesday that he would run for the Reform Party nomina tion: The little-known Mr Lamm, whose wife said yesterday she would not vote for him, is unlikely to give Mr. Perot much more than token | Smoking gum, page 9

opposition in the ballot of the party's 1.3 million members. "We have to be responsive to the people who created this party. They have a strong de-sire for me to participate," Mr Perot said, in contrast to his earlier insistence that his cre-

ation and financing of the

Reform party was "not about

Mr Perot no longer has the freshness of his initial foray into politics, with its economic charts and homespun phrases about "time to take out the trash and clean up the barn". A recent poll in Los Angeles Times found that 57 per cent of voters viewed him unfavourably, and only 28 per cent had a positive

The real question is the degree to which the Reform Party vote will affect the November election. Although most pundits assumed in 1992 that the Perot vote hurt President George Bush, subs polling suggested that Mr Perot drew from both candipundits think his candidact will help Mr Clinton, by split-

ting the anti-Clinton vote.

Much will depend on how much money Mr Perot is ready to spend, after paying more than \$60 million (£40 million) in 1892 and plunging snother \$15 million into building the Reform



## Big Bertha puts Carolina in a state of emergency

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

## CIA credit card | US revokes thefts 'threaten to blow cover!

Martin Walker In Washington

ABATCH of 108 credit cards issued with false identities for undercover agents of the CIA were stolen by staff in the intelligence agency's post room. They bought \$160,000 worth of stereo equipment, satellite television dishes,

and clothes, and took cash advances of \$30,000, (£20,000) according to a Virginia grand jury which returned formal indictments yesterday. The cards, Visa, Master-Card and Diners Club, and

other items of fake identifi-cation, including PIN numbers, were taken from the incoming mail in an unsecured room.

But there were also thefts of cash and other valuables from the diplomatic pouch room, where outgoing mail was sorted under high security, the grand jury was

"This was dangerous, threatening to blow agents' cover and screw up opera-tions," said Lawrence Sulc, a retired CIA agent now on the staff of the Nathan Hale Institute, a think-tank named after the 18th century American spy who was hanged by the British.

"A lot of money goes into establishing cover, and people's well-being depends on it, not to mention Uncle Sam's investment overseas," Mr Sulc added.

Gary West, a \$26,000-ayear postal sorter at the CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, was charged with conspiracy, fraud and

Two other postal clerks, Stephen Jackson and Thomas Lee, pleaded guilty and resigned from the CIA

The CIA began to investigate when cards that had supposedly been issued to agents operating overseas began running up large bills in the US.

## Samper visa over drugs

George Gedda in Washington

dent Ernesto Samper of Co-lombia yesterday because of iomoia yesterday because of his alleged links to the Cali

decided that President
Samper was "ineligible for a
visitor's visa under US law".
"Our message today is clear
and it is simple. People who
knowingly assist narco-traf-

is not welcome in the United States."

demonstrated that the US took narcotics trafficking

business."
The Clinton administration has long held that President Samper received money from the drug cartel for his 1994 presidential campaign. Offi-class dismissed as a whitewash a recent decision by the Colombian parliament to ex-onerate him of charges of links to the drug traffickers.

The United States has com-plained for months that Colombia is not co-operating in combatting drug traffickers. Colombia is the source for a substantial portion of the co-caine used in the US.

whom are in jail

110 properties belonging to way home," said Jean Dattwo of the four. Gilberto and gle, director of the Centre Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela. for Acadian Studies in New The Rodriguez Orejuela Brunswick. "We have made brothers have been in jail our peace with Canada and, since last year.

The US government has pursued a policy of trying to Quebecers. We are protisolate Mr Samper while trybe French Canadians." relations with Colombian law da's only officially bi-



HE US government revoked the visa of Presi-

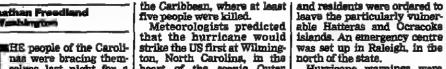
drug cartel.
The state department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said the administration had

fickers are not welcome in the United States," Mr Burns said, announcing the revocation of the Samper visa. "He

Mr Burns said the move seriously. "We do mean

It recently turned down a US request for the extradition of four leading figures in the Cali drug cartel, three of

ing to maintain co-operative enforcement officers. - AP. | lingual province, with outside Quebec.



nate were bracing them-solves last night for a pounding by Hurricane Bertha as forecasters predicted that 100mph winds would hit the coastline of the United States later today.

More than 1 million people

were urged to leave their homes on the south-east coast as Bertha headed north from

ton, North Carolina, in the heart of the scenic Outer Banks resort.

"We're prepared for the worst," said Toni Randali of the Cape Fear Red Cross as volunteers prepared shelters

A state of emergency was declared in 34 of North Caroli-na's counties, and tourists

Hurricane warnings were in place all along the coast from Florida to Virginia. As people boarded up their ahops and houses, the governor of South Carolina urged coastal residents to head inland, prompting lengthy traffic jams as an estimated 380,000 took to the roads.

leave the particularly vulnerable Hatteras and Ocracoke

islands. An emergency centre was set up in Raleigh, in the north of the state.

"We're prepared for a direct hit," said Joe Riley, mayor of Charleston, South Carolina. Even before its arrival, the hurricane caused an impact. President Clinton cancelled a visit yesterday to Florida, one of the states crucial to his re-

At Cape Canaveral, the space shuttle Atlantis was moved off its launch pad into

a hangar. Concern was greatest in Savannah, Georgia, venue of the Olympic sailing competition.





## Three hundred years in search of Acadia

Colin Nickerson

THEY are the other French Canadians, the Acadians of the maritime provinces: devoted to Canada and hostile to Quebec's separatist movement, but passionately committed to francophone culture.

Descended from the original French settlers of Nova Scotia — called Acadia in the 1600s after a region of Acadians number about 280,000; most live in north-That Acadian culture survives is a sort of miracle.

The ancestors of today's French-speakers were brutally driven from their settlements in the mid-1700s by British overlords. Those Acadians who returned have had to accommodate themselves to the English-speaking majority to a far greater degree than francophone Quebecers.

"We are a people chased into the world and scat-tered to the many winds On Tuesday the Colombian authorities seizing more than who somehow found our way home," said Jean Daiperhaps, feel more a part of the country than many Quebecers. We are proud to at New Brunswick's Uni-New Brunswick is Cana-

roughly a third of its inhab itants speaking French. In Quebec, French is the only official language; in the eight other provinces and two territories, English is the language of the overwhelming majority.

Acadians are flourishing in New Brunswick, prominent in business and government. Many still mark holidays with a loud banging of pots and pans, a rau-cons tradition known as tintmarre and intended to remind English Canadians that Acadia is thriving in their midst "In some ways, our soci

ety is proof that Canada works," said Michel Doucet, dean of the law school versité de Moncton, the only French-language university in North America

Despite French schools. newspapers and government services, Acadians see English creeping into their language, accelerated by television, home computer programmes and rock

"The young people struggle to learn French, but they seem to absorb English through the skin," said Ronald Brun, president of the Acadian Society of New Brunswick.

But the greatest shadow over Acadia is cast by the nationalist yearnings of neighbouring Quebec. If that province of nearly secedes from Canada, Acadians fear they will be stranded in a country embittered by the break-up and with scant sympathy for linguistic rights.

"Most Acadians have a deep affection for Quebec; it is the hearth and home of French culture in North America," said Mr Doucet. "But there is very little sympathy for separatism, almost none. The departure of Quebec would be a disaster for Acadians and all other French-speakers left in Canada.'

Without Quebec, Frenchspeakers would be less than per cent of the total population," said Mr Brun. think the English provinces would care so much to protect French linguistic

rights without Quebec

cracking a whip." -- Boston

T DAWN today a body is due to be exhumed from the Muslim ceme tery at San Justo on the outskirts of Buenos Aires for examination by forensic sciontista.

Argentines have grown used to exhumations since the end of military rule in 1983, but this time the body is no victim of the "dirty was The mother standing by the graveside will be Zulema Yoma, the former wife of President Carlos Menom.

The exhumation of Carlos Menem junior is the latest bizarre episode in the long running soap opera starring Argentina's first family. It was ordered by a federal judge at the request of Ms Yoma, who believes the helicopter crash that killed their son in March 1995 was no

"It did not crash because ran into power lines, but because it was hit by a shot that set off the explosion," her lawyer, Alejandro Vásquez,

Carlitos, as the Menem's son was usually known, was a rally driver in his mid-twenties with a playboy lifestyle, who was no stranger to contro-versy. Not long before the crash he spent a couple of days in prison for allegedly kicking a photographer at the fashion-able Punta del Este resort in neighbouring Uruguay.

life into Menem feud But the conspiracy alleged came to power — remains by his mother adds a fresh close to the government.

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**Exhumation puts new** 

tions about family involve-ment in something far beyond juvenile physical aggression.

Ms Yoma was separated from Mr Menem in 1990, after a stormy marriage which began in 1966 and culminated in her husband calling in the army to eject her and the chil-

dren from the presidential They are both of Syrian origin: they met when he was

Ex-wife's family became embroiled in nepotism and corruption scandal

visiting relatives in Syria. After splitting up "20 or 30 times", by her account, they were reunited for the 1989 election campaign. The reconciliation was short-lived, but it lasted long enough for Ms Yoma's immediate family to become embroiled in a nepotism and corruption scandal. Mr Menem made his sisterin-law Amira his private secretary and her husband, Ibrahim al-Ibrahim, head of

the country. whose export business

customs at Buenos Aires airport. Charges of drug-money laundering soon followed, and Mr Ibrahim was forced to flee Nevertheless the Yoma fam-

flourished after Mr Menem

relationship with her surviving child, her daughter Zule mita. She told a television chat show that Mr Menem and his inner circle had cor-rupted both her children and her family. She believes they are now engaged in a coverup of the true circumstances of her son's death. The official version is that

Carlitos and his friend Silvio Oltra died because the helicopter he was piloting flew too low and hit power lines at Ramallo, north-west of the capital. There was no proper autopsy at the time, osten-sibly because the cause of death was self-evident.

Ms Yoma's lawyers claim to have interviewed a man who took part in a plot, which she suggests may be linked to drug trafficking, political intrigue, or a combination of

the two. Her son's body will be taken to the Buenos Airas morgue for examination by a team of 30 experts, and is expected to be reburied almost at once. Their findings will be known in about a fortnight but they are unlikely to end

the family feud. Ms Yoma has warned that if her doubts about Carlitos's death remain unanswered she will reveal details of what she says were underhand deals with the opposition which facilitated Mr Menem's

re-election in 1995. The saga, it seems, is set to

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## Yeltsin's empty pledge

Chechen war and the military threat to Russia

AFTER THE ELECTION the slaughter | had previously indicated that he would resumes. Yesterday in the small Chechen town of Gekhi, a battered civilian population was uttering pathetic — and predictable — complaints, "We thought the war was over... The shells are coming from all directions... Dozens of civilians have been killed in the streets..." Gekhi has been targeted by the Russian army to "flush out" Che-chen fighters and in particular to cap-ture or kill the rebel leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev. A similar operation earlier this year disposed of his predecessor General Dudayev. The difference is that between the two events a ceasefire was signed by Mr Yandarbiyev and Boris Yeltsin. If it looked like an election stunt, it worked: many gave Mr Yeltsin the benefit of the doubt, accepting the version of past history which has him being misled by his military advisers into a war for which he had no liking. This view was strengthened when he chose former general Alexander Lebed, the most outspoken military critic of the conflict, as his new security chief. But it was always a naive hope — like most of the other expectations fondly wished on the West's presidential candidate (and his self-appointed deputy Mr Lebed) in Moscow.

Since the election there have been sides by shooting at each other. But this week has seen a fullscale resumption of hostilities by the Russian army going far beyond any limited action. There is renew the offensive. The most signifi- only opens the door to a dangerous cant pointer came from Mr Lebed, who increase in military influence.

not oppose separate statehood for Chechenia. Now he says that it would make little sense, and has refused to meet the rebels face to face.

In February Mr Yeltsin said that he would fail to win re-election unless a solution was found to the conflict. He found one — for long enough to win. Presidential aides claim that he is now discussing Chechenia daily with Mr Lebed but this, like everything said so far, seems merely to provide a smoke-screen for Gen Tikhomirov's return to war. The reported remarks of the commander of the defence ministry troops in Chechenia — a force with an even worse reputation - go further: Gen Vladimir Shamanov calls the Chechen rebels "scum" and says that "all pockets of resistance will be destroyed." The OSCE mission, vainly seeking to broker peace talks, has now announced that the process of political settlement no longer exists.

The war in Chechenia may seem one crisis too many for a world of many worries. But in a week when we recall the horrors of Srebrenica, the Russian army's policy of indiscriminate slaughter in Chechenia should not be shrugged aside. It is also deeply destructive to whatever national consenclaims of ceasefire violations on each sus has been patched together by the aide — the Chechens by refusing to Yeltsin victory. Those who have been release Russian prisoners, the Russians by maintaining roadblocks and both just the civilian villagers unfortunate enough to be accused of harbouring Chechen guerrillas. They are also the parents of Russian soldiers serving there, and the great majority of Rusno doubt that the military on the spot sians who believe the war to be a are more hawkish than the politicians | disastrous mistake comparable to that in Moscow. But what has been decisive of Afghanistan. By alienating democratic opinion, at a time of infighting is Mr Yeltsin's silence, giving a green cratic opinion, at a time of infighting light to the commander of the region over the succession to former defence General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov to minister General Grachev, Mr Yeltsin



The pay rise was right — but more controls are needed

THEY KNEW they would be vilified. [ And yesterday they were were - by the public, other professional spokespeople and the tabloids. The Mirror declared "Greedy MPs grab the lot in pay vote" while an Express editorial headline summed it up as "Agreed on Greed". Our own ICM poll on Wednesday showed 55 per cent of the public against raising the Prime Minister's salary from £84,000 to £143,000; 78 per cent against raising cabinet ministers' salaries from £70,000 to £108,000; and 75 per cent opposed to raising MPs' salaries from 234,000 to 243,000. Yet late on Wednesday night, in deflance of the leaders of all three main political parties all of whom had called for a three per cent rise, MPs went ahead and approved the lot.

Opponents of the rise have many arguments. The nurses point to double standards with parliament insisting on teachers and health workers receiving three per cent or less while awarding themselves a whacking 26 per cent. The tabloids talk about the 17-week parliamentary recess, absentee members who do not show up for either committee work or Commons debates, and the expenses which MPs can make on the side. And now that there are live parliamentary broadcasts, the public can see | now earn more than most headteachers the difficulties which some MPs have in | but less than a hospital consultant. even phrasing a simple question.

plucked out of the air but proposed by rise to better working practices — and the independent Senior Salaries Review stricter controls on outside earnings.

Body. What was the point of referring the issue to the Body if its recommendations were going to be ignored? Certainly the Body is stuffed with people earning huge salaries but if the proposed parliamentary pay formula of 1983 had been followed, MPs' salaries would have risen to £42,800 by now. Instead, parliamentary pay has eroded. Some MPs do take it easy. A pay survey found 50 saying they worked less than 35 hours-a-week in the recess, but the rest were working much longer with 30 reporting a 90-hour week. Even after this pay increase, other European parliaments in Belgium, Holland, Germany, France and Italy are all paying more. Some of them much more. Moreover, important parliamentary perks have been cut back with the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Service ending paid advocacy and the Salaries Review Body cutting the absurd petrol perk of 74p a mile to 47p. This last cut will mean some MPs will be no better off but parliament will have a more open pay system. More people clearly appreciate the pressure of the Prime Minister's job, but few understand the immense workload which ministers have to carry. Defining a rate for any job is an imprecise art. MPs will Perhaps appropriately, they are now on Vilifiers have some good points but the same rate as an average GP. What the pay rises were right. They were not | was wrong was the failure to link the

## **Bullying in the backyard**

Washington's Cuba ban is a serious business

WE HAVE BEEN here before - on a | spurred our own government to protest, Leyland bus. The British sale of 400 is the essential principle of freedom of buses to Havana in 1964 provoked fury | trade. Cuba is a peaceful member of the from Washington. Those were the bad old days of the cold war when the two superpowers did not hide their efforts to control and subvert their neighbours. How different from today, when the surviving superpower... is still trying to bring Cuba to its knees.

Washington's formal sanction, under the Helms-Burton Act, against the Canadian mining company Sherritt International dramatises a policy with much wider implications. The important issue is not whether a handful of its directors, including a former deputy governor of the Bank of England, may be denied visas to the US. Whether, as Canada was complaining yesterday, their children may be denied access to Disneyland is even more irrelevant. This ludicrous ban focuses attention on | on the domestic political agenda — they two serious issues. The first, which has | would have been left alone long ago.

world community: there are no international sanctions against Cuba nor any grounds for imposing them. (Its human rights record, though open to criticism. is far better than that of many substantial trading partners of the US). The US is also probably in breach of the rules of

the World Trade Organisation. The second question is why Cuba should be punished at all. If the US has a complaint about the nationalisation, long ago, of American-owned property, than Havana has a far graver complaint about Washington's persistent efforts. from 1959 onwards, to overthrow its government. What the CIA's mercenaries could not achieve is now sought by economic means. Poor Cubans: if they were not in someone's backyard - and



PHEW! FOR A WHILE THERE

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## The price of democracy Time for straight talking on the Church's view of homosexuality

dela, who, after 28 years of tivity, something they have in real hardship suffered during the past been keen to trumpet nis incarceration, still maintains his high principles, his areas. In view of the recent pride, his dignity and love of performances, this could save ustice for all. In the audience of MPs, a large proportion of undignified and unprincipled beings who, having ignored the financial plight of many of their constituents, whinge about the slleged inadequacy of their already fat salaries and dive headlong into the trough of greed. John Sheeran.

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OHN Major could have solved the MPs' pay di-lemma by using Conservative dogma to find the ultimate solution. Next time, he could put competitive tendering into the process and compel all election candidates to sub-mit a sealed bid at close of all election candidates to submit a sealed bid at close of nominations, stating how feetly reasonable in this day money" as another yardstick with which to judge the work of our elected representatives Ray Georgeson. 17 Windsor Street,

New Brighton, Wirral L45 2JZ.

AM a 78-year-old ex-soldier looking forward to my 80th birthday, when I shall receive a 25p increase in my pension. The Tories are right: I am overcome with the "feelgood" motion. A J Watkins.

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WHAT'S new, and why the fuss (Orwell offered writ-

is a reference to George Or-well's notebook of suspects on

page 557 and page 563 of the Penguin edition of my book.

Orwell: A Life (1982). That makes clear that at least one

other hand was involved, probably. I thought, his friend

The names on Orwell's list

are of a different order. Some were Labour MPs who un-

doubtedly were undercover Communists or who, like one

soon famous man, hedged

their bets by holding two

cards (so his daughters told me). Some were simply "fel-low travellers" who believed

no ill about Stalinism (until 1956) and were potentially

dangerous; others were just

woolly-minded softies, But at that time it was wholly

reasonable for a leftwing dem-

ocratic Socialist to help in

counter-propaganda and, in-deed, "risk evaluation". It was

a Labour government in Brit-

ain and it was still unclear

whether the Communist par-ties in France and Italy might

than Michael will ever admit.

this was exaggerated. Per-

haps. But I see nothing wrong

in principle on Orwell's part.

Bernard Crick

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blacklist, July 11)? There

HAT a contrast! At the podium, President Nelson Mandal, who, after 28 years of the past been keen to trumpet by the body concerned. Seems fair to me. Can we be next?

D J Dickinson. Imperial College, South Kensington, as a basis for rises in other the country quite a bit. Brian Cain

40 Lyncroft Avenue. Pinner, Middlesex

HAVE no difficulty in ac cepting the 28 per cent pay rise and am sure that Chancellor Clarke will be consis-tent in his approach and recommend a 3 per cent funded rise, the remainder to be found from efficiency savings and a cost-improvement

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much they are prepared to and age. However, I believe work for. These amounts that it should be means could then be printed next to the candidates' names on the be reduced by £1 for every £1 ballot forms, and we, the pub-£10,000 being guaranteed. I don't think anyone would object - with the possible exception of MPs.

J A Arnold. London Road North, Poynton. Cheshire SK12 1AG.

CONGRATULATIONS to cour MPs on getting a fair rate for the job and for establishing a fair procedure for pay disputes in the public sector, namely; an independent pay review, and, if rejected, a binding free vote London SW7 2AZ.

WONDER how Brian Sedge-more (Front page, July 10) calculates that if he was working as a barrister, rather than as an MP, he would be earning 2250,000 a year?
As an ageing junior with

very little recent experience, he would be lucky to improve on the current daily rate for Legal Aid Crown Court work (£158.25). Allowing six weeks' holiday a year, that would provide him with an annual gross income of £38,397, approximately one-third of which would have to go on his professional expenses. At that rate, it would take him 10 years to sarn £250,000 nett. Perhaps he isn't as badly paid as he would like us to think. Martin Bowley QC.

London WC1 4JH. OW would Brian Sedge-more's constituents regard his apparent distress at only having a 1.6 litre which doesn't qualify him for mileage at the rate of 74.1 pence a mile? As he lives in Hackney, why doesn't he use public transport to get to work, like most people living

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36 Bedford Row,

Plesse include a full postal address and a telephone number. We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot

.. AND WE COULDN'T

HAVE THAT NOW,

COULD WE?

THE Guardian's survey on many are. Misunderstanding General Synod members' about homosexuality as a attitudes to homosexuality (July 8) reveals the seeds of division and bitterness within the Church of England which, if left to fester under the sur-face, will soon bring the same scorn and contempt from ob-servers outside the Church. Yet, characteristically, it would seem the Synod's policy committee has produced a substantial briefing document about how to avoid having the subject discussed — despite the bishops' original report which recommended that it should be widely debated.

Because of the Church's perverse teaching on our human sexuality, many of us have been forced to adopt the same process in our personal lives: if we pretend it is not there,

in 1983, the dean of my theo-logical college advised me to stop agonising over the prob-lem I fait I had because I found myself attracted to men.
"When you are married," he said, "this feeling will go away." It did not — it cannot - because it is me.

Soon after my divorce in 1977, my bishop said that if | chance of reversing this trend love with him, he could live in my rectory. Two other bishops I have served under have assured me of their trust and confidence in my integrity.

This integrity has only come after more than 30 years of trying to wrestle with the ethical issues — including the teaching of the Bible — and reflect prayerfully on what I perceive God's purpose might be for my life. I have never wanted to be militant about the issue, but simply to be allowed to live out my life as best I could, hoping that one day I might meet a man and have the same human support, through a life-long com-mitment in a relationship of hand through my marriage. cocktall on that ac The Church must bite the J M Farringdon.

human condition, ignorance around the theological issues, unconscious fears of what may lie hidden in deeper parts of ourselves — these must not be allowed to perpetuate de-laying tactics. There must be open discussion between those in decision-making positions within the Church and those of us whose journeys (which in my case has included the pain caused to two children and my former wife) have taught us that wholesome gay relationships are compatible with Christian faith. (Rev) Geoffrey Hooper.

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30 Avenons Road, London E13 8HT. AR from leading to a "toughening of the Church's stance" against lesbian and gay people, your poll confirms the consistent trend towards a greater liberalisa-tion of attitudes. Over the last two decades we have wit-

> nessed a dramatic growth of membership, goodwill and public endorsement. The momentum is unstoppable. If there was a realistic Synod would have called for a debate before we did. But they must know that such a debate would reveal a huge loss of support in comparison with their "high water mark" their "high water mark" achieved when the issue was last discussed in 1987.

(Rev) Richard Kirker. Gen secretary, Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement. Oxford House, Derbyshire Street,

London E2 6HG. T is wear isome to see Leviticus trotted out as justifica. tion for homophobia. The author(s) of Leviticus had it in for shellfish too (don't eat em), but few evangelical clergy would refuse a prawn cocktail on that account. bullet sooner rather than 8 Hadland Terrace, later, however embarrassed Wet Cross, Swansea.

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## Romania on inside track

wave of Nato membership (Nato to upgrade links with Russia, July 8) because of "internal disputes about intentions to join Nato" are clearly misleading and ill-informed. According to the latest Euro According to the latest Euro-barometer polls, 95 per cent of Romanian subjects ques-tioned were in favour of Romania's Nato membership.

Simpson's writing and Gay-time TV (Letters, July 10, 11)? Tom Robinson, Joining Nato has been a PO Box 3185, consistent policy objective of London SW18 3JG.

YOUR correspondent's the Romanian government doubts about Romania's all parliamentary political parties have made official and public statements to support of that choice. Sergiu Celac. Romanian Ambassador. l Palace Green,

London W8 4QD.

## **A Country Diary**

The state of the s

NORTHUMBERLAND Old | lage school mistress. Then the Midsummer Eve last night Newcastle Sword and Morris and, after a day of pouring men entertained us. Morris rain, the sun came out in early evening for the village Bale, a traditional ceremony which attracts visitors from far beyond our parish bound aries. Despite the damp, the master of ceremonies managed to light the conflagration called the Bale, not the Bale fire. This is derived from "bnel", an Anglo-Saxon word used for the beacons lit on eastle, pele and hill top which red tabards and sashes emblafolk to hide themselves and their cattle when raiders were sighted riding over the Border. Summer solstice bon-fires celebrated the nativity of the haptist and the smoke billowing over the cornfields - was believed to ward off rust and mildew. A barn dance follows the Bale, with

men entertained us. Morris dancing symbolises the ancient martial arts. "It is a buccolic pastime." Arthur told me later over a glass of the buccolic pastime. ale, by which time he had removed his colourful, flowerstrewn leg bands and the straw hat. "Tonight is a special reunion for some of the men." Indeed, the Durham Rams had crossed the Tyne, dressed strikingly in zoned with yellow rams heads. They stopped the trickle of traffic through the village with alternate dis-plays with the Morris men of dancing in front of the pub. After the goodies prepared by local ladies, and spread out in the village hall, had been consumed, revellers danced the night away. This morndrinking and feasting in the drinking and feasting in the village hall. When the fire was ablaze, the children to dance in a coined hands to dance in a great night out.

Blair vs the left | Making the same difference



Arthur Koestler — then the brother in law of Celia Kir-wan. Koestler and Orwell had both been anti-Communist since their experiences in IOTING what we are now Spain, and both were worried going to be offered in this endless run-up to the general election and what's in New at Communist attempts to penetrate the Labour move-ment and at what they Labour's Road To The Mani-festo, I had a strange sense of dejà vu. Then I realised what regarded as the excessive softness in fighting back of some socialist intellectuals If Michael Foot is shocked at his "dealing with the secret ser-vices in any kind", he is still such a (dear old) softie.

In the 1960s, J B Priestley wrote a novel about two unscrupulous PR men who, hav-ing been provided with generous funding by a rich widow, set about the business of Image-making. Indeed, they go so far as to found a whole university department of Newlyn, Social Imagistics. They are Penzance CW11 TR18.

tremendously successful and the book ends with them pro ducing virtually identical image-crafted leaders for the Conservative and Labour parties, complete with inter-changeable, PR-friendly poli-cies. He called his book The lmage Men and it was heavily criticised at the time - not least by the Times Literary Supplement - for the shee mplausibility of its plot. It couldn't happen, could it?

Anne Green. 3 Antoine Terrace.

## Evils of poetic injustice

LACHRA Gibbons (Poetic the fact that British (and spirit of 65, July 8) claims world) poetry is indeed "in that the poetry Superjam at the middle of its strongest "started ominously with a middle-aged woman singing in Japanese". My Collins dictionary defines ominous as "foreboding evil"; if your reporter derives this impression from a poet being middle-aged. female, lyrical or Japanese, the Guardian

come to power. Not a nice or easy world. Michael Foot's friend Aneurin Bevan feared ain't what it used to be. So far from trying "to sumsoftness too and the danger of Communist infiltration more mon up the spirit of 1965". when I was part of the beat generation that packed the Hall, I put the Superjam It is easy now to say that all together expressly to display the enormous and far reaching changes that have since taken place in and around poetry. Had Gibbons paid attention to the Superiam itself. | London W11 2GQ

the Albert Hall last Sunday revival since the 1930s" (his words) would surely have been conveyed to your readers. He refers to just five of the 14 poets who read in just three of the gig's nine hour-long sets. Thirty-six other poets. 25 of them Brits (including John Agard, John Hegley and Grace Nichols). brought the strength of this revival home most clearly to the 2,000-plus auditors who came, stayed, and palpably enjoyed each performance. More than half of these

poets were in nappies in 1965 or not yet born then. Michael Horovitz. Co-ordinator, Poetry Olympics. PO Box 9819

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Matthew Norman

HE serpent of dissension bares its fangs in New Labour's garden of Eden. Cause of the bitching is the windfall tax on privatised utilities, so cen-tral to Gordon Brown's post-election spending plans. Mr election spending plans. Mr
Brown wants them all to
cough up, but Mandy Mandelson argues that British
Gas should be exempt. Piggy
in the middle here is the millionaire Roger Liddle, former SDP philosopher and
recent co-author with
Mandy of that unputdownsble New Labour tome. Mr ble New Labour tome. Mr Liddle is not only a friend and sometime host of Tony Blair, who stayed at his French château last sumr, he is also a member of his important, and fairly secret, "inner policy group" . . . and as such, on the windfall-tax question, his position is almost unbearably delicate. Where no doubt his instinct is to sup-port his friend Mandy, Mr Liddle must remember that his consultancy firm. Prima, is retained (along with Lowe Bell) by a certain British Gas. This apparent conflict of interest is not en-dearing Mr Liddle to those made aware of it. Let us hope it is swiftly resolved.

T9.57am, the Michael Winner fax arrives.
"This is your most active correspondent!" it be gins. "I have just read yesterday's Guardian! If you think I read OK! magazine you're definitely certifiable Kindest personal regards." That couldn't be clearer, then. Michael is away this weekend, being treated in a south-coast clinic for his addiction to exclamation marks, but God willing he will be back with us next

NEWS DISCROUL SLAND hangs over last night's New Labour fund-raising dinner (£450 a place) at the Savoy. Antismoking group ASH was keen to learn which Labour MPs Philip Morris — makers of Mariboro and, as Mar-tin Walker explains here, a force close to the US Republicans — invited on to its table. But nobody will discuss it - not the event's PR, Julia Hobsbawm, not Philip Morris, and certainly not New Labour. If you didn't know better, you'd think that the party was faintly embarrassed about pocketing several thousand quid from the company, just be-cause its leader recently vertising if elected. Rumours that Tony Blair is considering the election slo-gan New Labour, New Lungs remain unconfirmed.

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EANWHILE, Philip Morris's philan-thropy spreads even to Brussels, where, with other tobacco companies, it is discreetly funding the new pro-tobacco group. Smokepeace Europe. In its launch brochure, Smokepeace mentions a plan to mark this year's centenary of cinema with "selected works which will recall how actors from Humphrey Bo-gart to Marlene Dietrich complemented their work with the act of smoking". What it falls to mention, probably through pressure on space, is that Bogart died, in middle age, of lung

N the Daily Telegraph, the Mr Saucy Squirrel girl, Petronella Wyatt, interviews Welsh Secretary William Hague. Petry says that, having pressed a Pimm's on her "at five in the afternoon!" (she must have caught it off Michael W), Mr Hague said "It is possible to be a politician and enjoy sex". Ocooh-errr. For the photograph, the two on a settee wearing beatific smiles: there is no mistaking the dishevelment of her hair nor, indeed, a certain crumpling of her dress be-neath the bast. Petsy wasn't returning calls yesterday, but the Welsh Office certainly was. "Is there some social bar against drinking Pimm's at five in the after-noon?" asked Mr Hague's personal press man during phonecall number farce. "because if there is I haven't heard of it". He's quite right ... but what a syba-ritic place the Welsh Office appears to be.

SUMMER camp for Czech children with allergies has closed after parents found their offspring eating in a smoke filled room while their narse was drunkenly swilling beer in a local bar.



## Same old story, fight was coming but the media were precisely so briefed by the MoD. Ian Mellonald, the talking-clock spokesman of the time, later told a Commons committee about a missinterpreted telephone call from the front. He didn't estimate how many more Paras died that day because of it. Terry Lewin has some, but not all, of the context We for the Somme and to remember to the some and to remember the conservative party. Cevil Parkinson, then — if you please—the Conservative Party Chairman seconded to the War Cabinet. But nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days to relect the conservative party Chairman seconded to the War Cabinet. But nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwin Ridge: nobody asked him which the days before Darwi

## Commentary

## Peter Preston

ME may occasionally
be a great healer: but
not where modern
wars are concerned. not when television directors can return to the battlefield a year or 14 later and unpick the myths of victory. That way time becomes the great purgative. You don't truly Rejoice! until you've checked

with Channel 4 or BBC2.
The row and the headlines after last night's C4 Secret History on the battle of Goose Green are, naturally enough, about the legend of "H" Jones. He was the falklands hero everyone remembers. His Victoria Cross came was what his colleagues made of him: a gallant irrelevance. Why, now, trawl round among his 2 Para junior officers and squaddies and find was the descant to individual

handed in a maverick rush of blood? Why, now, bring for-ward witnesses who thought his lone, doomed charge an irrelevance rather than the de-fining act which inspired victory? Who needs the distilusion and the distress?

The answer, alas, is that we all need it: for otherwise we forget the messy muddled reality of war, we swallow from the MoD's sanitised cup and don't feel sick in our stomachs. I found David Harrison's Goose Green, richly resourced and eloquently structured, exactly what Channel 4 claimed: the documentary of the season.
It told its tale from the lips,

chapped by cold, of the men who were there in the turmoil of battle; men with thinning hair and thickening jaws, but professional soldiers all. straightforward about their trade, direct in perceptions. And yet, at root, "H" Jones was what his colleagues made

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him a bit of boiling loner who I heroics. Were Goose Green couldn't delegate and decided and Darwin necessary? to take Darwin Ridge single Major General Julian Thompson, the Royal Marine who commanded the landing forces, says no, not necessary. "I believe the war could have been won without that attack. I should have said we're not going to do it." But he was instructed to do it from on high. Lord Terry Lewin, then Chief of the Defence Staff, says so in terms. "We had at all events to avoid a ceasefire. We had to get the troops down there engaged, which would make a ceasefire that much more difficult." "H" Jones and many of his men died at Goose Green to show Perez de Cuellar and Helmut Schmidt

> the United Nations where they damn well got off. Last night's documentary almost cut open the heart of the matter. It told how a BBC World Service report, picked up by the Argentinians, an-nounced the storming of Goose Green a day before the attack was made. The Daily Express led on our brilliant victory 24 hours before the first shot was fired. There

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pleased to call "the world community". They wanted the Papal bull off their lawn. Was the wish for that botched telephone call the father of the triumphalist thought? Was "old Julian" mucking about when the PM wanted momentum? We had a

loyally reporting what they were told to report. Truth is always the first ca-

sualty. It dies to quell ques-tioning and sustain public opinion. It is poisoned by politicians thirsting for good news and top brass fearful for their careers and budgets. It makes (as General Thompson attests) the men in the thick of the bloodshed the puppets of future legend.
Goose Green, like the Guif

inquest that preceded it, wasn't some crypto-pacifist tract. It began to tell us what we need constantly to learn and re-learn: that war is not some option burnished with technological wonderment and cool calculation; war is a stinking chaos. Understand that, and there is no such was no surprise to the on- Deeting glimpse last night of | thing as a futile gesture.

> er is Paul Manafort, whose PR firm is a subsidiary of Burson-Marsteller. And the vice-president of corporate af-fairs at Philip Morris is one of which represents Philip Mor-ris, RJ Reynolds, the other tobacco glants and the Tobacco Institute is Covington & Burling. One of its partners is Rod DeArment, a former chief of staff in Dole's Senate

Tom Synborst, who spent the whole of last year organis-ing the Iowa caucuses for Dole, also organises Smokers' le, also organises Smokers' Rights rallies in the Mid-West. Synhorst runs a tele-marketing company. Direct Choice, which the Dole campaign uses. Direct Choice's cofounder is Read deButts whose surname is a perfect fit for his other job, as a lobbyist

Dole's Californian strategist is another lawyer, Steve Merksamer, whose firm has earned over \$2 million from tobacco. for services which included the state ballot. Ostensibly a don society in his thrall, be-way to curb smoking in public areas, it would have diluted events, gets into Parliament, local no-smoking laws across California, and was rejected by the voters when it was exposed as a wheeze from the

ILL Clinton likes to claim that he never inhaled, mostly because of his allergic reac-tion to the tobacco in the hashish-loaded joints available in sixties Oxford. It didn't stop him trying, and he admits to liking the odd cigar on the White House balcony when Hillary is not around. But the Clinton campaign has a rule no tobacco money. The rule also holds good for Vice-President Al Gore, whose family used to grow tobacco on the family farm until Gore's sister died of lung cancer in 1984.

The Democratic party has accepted tobacco money, and still does, hoping to win the tobacco-growing states of Tennessee and Kentucky. But for Clinton, the issue is now deeply personal.

The tobacco firm Brown and

Williamson made an interesting choice of lawyer in the suit they filed against their former head of research, who blew the whistle on their scrapping of plans to market a "safer" cigarette. They hired Kenneth Starr, who is better known as the "independent counsel" also running the Washington inquiry into

Whitewater, Clipton has tried to outlaw the sale of tobacco to minors, and has given the Food and Drug Administration unprecedented authority to try to control tobacco as a drug. Clinton believes the tobacco barons are waging war against him through For Bob Dole, too, this is

now personal. The Democrats have seized this opportunity, and their campaign has got under Dole's skin, especially the character called Buttman Wherever Dole appears on the campaign trail, he is dogged by a 10-foot-tall foam-rubber cigarette, complete with filter and smouldering stub, which hands out fake dollar bills that show Dole puffing on a fag that looks like a rolled-up banknote. These days more and more volunteers are join-ing Buttman to shout "Give it up, Smoking Bob".

The smarter Dole staffers are pleading with the campaign to retaliate against Clinton with a Jointman, Dole himself is in a rage, and not even his wife, Elizabeth, can mollify him. But then, she's' involved too. Until this year, she ran the Red Cross, and in 1995 the tobacco industry quintupled its Red Cross done-tions to \$265,530. Smoke gets



pected US Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, may have been inspired by the character of the Professor in Joseph Conrad's 90-year-old novel, The Secret Agent, will come as scant surprise to anyone with even the vaguest knowledge of English litera-ture. Life habitually imitates Art with a vengeance and the fiction of the last century-anda-half can be read as kind of Old Moore's Almanac, end-lessly foreshadowing and analysing in advance the political and social canvases of our own times.

For some reason, Conrad looms very large in these prognoses. It was only a couple of decades ago that Michael Foot made his fam-ous speech to a TUC conference invoking Conrad's story Typhoon as a blueprint for the country and its Labour government in the fight against an economic maelfairs at Philip Morris is one of the main Dole fund-raisers.
The Washington law firm which represents Philip Morris, R J Reynolds, the other is a hitherto unsuspected in a hitherto unsuspected in the control of the c knowledge of literature, to point out that "of course, the bloody ship sank".

But this is only the tip of the iceberg. Turn to classic English fiction of the 19th century, and a vast panorama of our contemporary life stands revealed in punctilious detail. Trollope's The Way We Live Now, for exam-ple, eerily prefigures the career of the late Robert Maxwell in the guise of a tycoon called Augustus Melmotte. Melmotte, a gargantuan swindiar of chusive continental ori-gin ("a large man... with heavy eyebrows and a wonderful look of power about his face and chin . . . but the countenance and appearance of the man were on the whole-unpleasant, and, I may say, and then commits suicide just as his business affairs start to implode.

At the same time, Trollope also foreshadows some mod-ish political arrangements, in particular the habit of ministers of resigning their jobs out of a desire to spend more time with their families (Plantagenet Palliser in The Prime Minister throws over the Exchequer after promis-ing to take his wife on a continental tour). He even has an eye for the literary society of the 1990s — at any rate, I have always imagined Lady Carbury, who writes books with titles like Crimi-nal Queens, and badgers liter-ary editors, to be a dead ringer for Lady Antonia Fraser. Elsewhere we can find a

huge amount of proleptic sat-ire. Dickens's Dorrit family, acquiring their unlooked for legacy and setting off on a life of continental ease, and HG Wells's Kipps, in which a draper's assistant tries to cope with an inherited forcope with an inherited for-tune, are plainly skits on the debasing effect of the lottery on its winners. And the teach-ing methods of Squeers in Nicholas Nickleby ("A horse is a quadruped, and quadru-ped's Latin for beast, as everybody that's gone through the grammar knows. through the grammar knows, or else where's the use of having grammar at all?") clearly have some bearing on the pronouncements of Chris Woodhead. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector for Schools. Children's books, too, are a

cornucopia of useful forecasts. In one of the early Just William stories, Richmal Crompton even prefigures a central theme of modern lin-

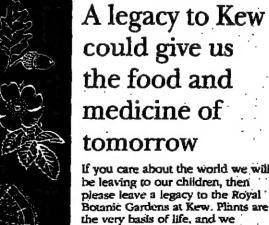
This tour de force comes at the point when William's father, Mr Brown, declares that if such-and-such an event takes place he will eat his hat. William cannily proposes that the names of objects are not necessarily pre-ordained, and thereby persuades his father to substitute a jer of humbugs for the headgear. As Saussure remarked — but at least 30 years later — "Yous les significations arbitraires'

Looking at this shelf of individual crystal balls, what does the immediate future hold for us? The newly independent female members of the royal family can take comfort from the absence of any eract parallels (although the example of Trollope's Liz-zie Eustace, a rich young woman who surrounds her-self with raffish hangers-on and then tries, unsuccessfully, to marry a succession of elegible gentlemen, may cause the odd heart stirring

in Kensington Palace).
Lobbyists for the 300 Club might consider Walter Beasant's futuristic The Revolt of Man, in which men, excluded stage a revolution that ends in a round of happy mar-riages. And John Major, a self-declared Trollope addict, can't have missed the passage at the end of The Prime Minister in which the Duke of Omnium, tired of leading a patched-up government of contending alliances that has long outstayed its welcome, sits communing with his soul.
"The Prime Minister knew now — he felt that he knew that his days were numbered." As the old song says: "I know that's it true, 'cause I

read it in books."

Bel Littlejohn is away



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## Smoking gun Martin Walker on candidate Bob Dole's role as Marlboro's man

who stays bought, then Bob Dole is a man of deep integrity. With \$400,000 (2250,000) to Dole's own campaign funds, and another \$2.4 million (£1.6 million) to the Republican party last year, the big tobacco com-panies bought themselves chaething close to addiction.
At first, it was discreet a private meeting with the South Korean ambassador to explain how much easier it would be to vote for that trade pact if the Marlboro Man were welcomed in Seoul Last year, Dole became one of 32 Sena-

Peter Clarke

tors who wrote to the Food and Drug Administration appealing against a ban on tobacco advertising. Then he really inhaled, flaunting a protobacco t-shirt at a big car race. Now he has sunk to complete dependence. "Weknow it's not good for kids ito TV companies have licences smokel, but a lot of things to broadcast this was a quite

F THE definition of an aren't good," he told a cambonest politician is one paign rally in Birmingham. The Dole who stays bought, then Alabama, last month. "Drink- Sweetheart plodded on What campaign is the tobacco lobby ing is not good. Some would say milk is not good."
So last week, when he went on the NBC Today show to be

faced by the gentlest interviewer on the air - Katie Couric, who revels in the title of America's Sweetheart -Dole should not have been surprised at a question about his debt to the tobacco lobby, "There's a mixed view among scientists and doctors

whether it's addictive or not. I'm not certain whether it is addictive," he began. "Only people like you in the media bring this up. You may be violating the FCC regulations by always sticking up for the Democrats and adventising their line on your show." Since the Federal Communi-

cations Commission is the

about the legendary old surgeon-general, Everett Koop, the anti-emoking campaigner with the Old Testament beard? He was a Dole sup-porter. Had he been brainwashed to hate tobacco by the liberal media? "Probably. A little bit," Dole snapped. The tobacco barons cer-

tainly got their \$400,000 worth. And maybe Dole nailed down the votes of America's 40 million smokers, or at least those who survive until November. At the White House, the reaction was undisguised delight. George Stephanopoulos joked that he might take the summer off now that Dole was bent on self-destruction.

Whatever the impact on this year's election, the real significance of Dole's stumble has body which determines which TV companies have licences been to expose the degree to which the \$45 billion tobacco

writ large. An exposé in a recent issue of the radical magazine Mother Jones, starring Dole as Mariboro's Man lists the connections. Jeanie Austin, one of Dole's national co-chairs, also sits on the National Smokers Alliance advisory board, which campaigns against no-smok-ing laws, and has fought bit-terly against any controls in

cans will next month nomi-nate Dole for the presidency. The man who ran the NSA campaign in San Diego is Ken Rietz, president of the Washington branch of the Burson-Marsteller public-relations firm. They represent Philip Morris, the biggest tobacco company, and are also home to the NSA. Rietz is also vicechairman of the convention's

San Diego, where the Republi-

host committee. industry is now targeting poli- Dole's own convention man- in everybody's eyes. Melvin Belli

## Raising a storm in court

lawyer Melvin Belli been ancusations began to fly. an autopsy was ordered, and varsungsy was ordered, and var-ious attorneys prepared for a stormy court case. "How fit-ting," mused the PR man for Belli, who was 38. "It's just the way he would have

Belli's son Caesar had accused the attorney's sixth wife Nancy of hastening his death in a struggle for control of his legal practice — even though it had gone into bankruptcy and five partners left in 1993. The controversy was only one more episode in the larger-than-life career of the "King of Torts", who used to raise the Jolly Roger and fire an antique cannon from the roof of his San Francisco of fices to signal a court victory.

Belli's cannon boomed often enough to record an es-timated \$600 million in compensation awards, of which he took one third or more under the US contingency payment system. Yet as he was dying an official receiver was ensconced in his per-sonal office lined with law books, many of them written by Belli himself. In all he authored 62 books, including the six-volume Biodern Trials, which has become a textbook in US law schools, and he cowrote 10 others. His autobiography, My Life On Trial, appeared in 1976.

Among his famous clients were Erroi Flynn, Mae West, Lana Turner, the Rolling Stones, Muhammad Ali and Jack Ruby. When the Warren Commission Report on the

O SOONER had cluded that Lee Harvey Os-the death of flam- wald could never have received a fair trial because of public prejudice against him. Belli claimed this vindicated his belief that Ruby—
who died in prison after being
convicted of shooting Oswald
— did not have a fair trial In his summation to the

jury in the Ruby case, a repor-ter described his oratory: "A velvety, hypnotic voice that could charm cobras out of baskets...a voice like a symphony, by turns a Stradivarius, a bugle, an oboe, or a snare drum racing at breakneck speed through the key pages of trial testimony..." Not all Belli's clients were famous. His early days of tort lawyering were distinguished

by the energy he put in on behalf of what he called "the little man" in his battle against giant and powerful corporations. In 1944 Belli established a precedent in a victory over Coca-Cola that he and other lawyers were to refer to time and again — the principle of absolute liability. This meant that manufacture ers were automatically liable for injuries that their prod-ucts caused. The victory set the terms for US consumer protection litigation.

His other great contribu-tion to American trial law was his use of props, or "de-monstrative evidence" as he preferred to call it. He would seize on anything, from huge photographs, to mock-ups of an accident scene, to scale models (once a client's artificial leg wrapped in brown paper during a damages claim), and frequently Elmer, the human skeleton he kept



Defence attorney to the famous . . . Belli, right, with Jack Ruby

notorious prison across San Franciso Bay — had acted in self-defence when another

prisoner pulled a knife on him. To counter the prosecu-tion argument that such weapons were unavailable, Belli obtained a drawer full of confiscated daggers and knives, which he produced in court. As he carried it towards the jury box he tripped, and the cutlery crashed to the floor. A client. Later he said that "jurors

learn through all their senses. and if you can tell them and show them too, let them feel and see and even taste or smell the evidence, then you will reach the jury." His clas-sic ploy in this technique came in a claim by a woman who had lost her hair in an

nique of impressing juries | testimony Beli had her rip | had come originally from | should have. His last years came by accident. He was try- | her wig off, exposing her bald | Italy. When Belli visited the | were marred by partnership ing to prove that an immate of | dome. It produced a moment, | family village decades later in | squabbles in which they sued | San Quentin — California's | he recalled, "when you can | his Rolls-Royce, he was puz | each other, and by cases he her wig off, exposing her bald dome. It produced a moment, he recalled, "when you can hear the angels sing and the cash register ring." His earlier cases did not cause such a sensation. Defending a rapist on appeal, he argued sufficiently well for

the man's sentence to haived — from 440 years to 220. In 1936 in the first of many press conferences, he boasted of having persuaded the British foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, to make a transatlantic telephone call on behalf of his client, a Briton involved in a breakout from San Quentin. It did ont iron san edemin. It the not help and Belli's man was convicted and executed. "It wiped out my whole prac-tice," he recalled. Melvin Belli (pronounced Bell-eye) was born in the

Spanish colonial town of Sonora, northern California.

only child of a banker, and foolish — but not smart grandson of a physician who enough to retire when he

his Rolls-Royce, he was puz-zled to see the population vanishing into their homes and slamming front doors. It was later explained that they thought he was a visiting Mafia don come to collect his

He indulged the great wealth his practice brought him, acquiring a huge yacht nicknamed The Adequate of compassion for the downtrodden. He recalled acting for a condemned man at San Quentin and watching as he walked to the scaffold, and his hands whitening as the trapdoor fell "like the picture of the Descent from the Cross." Later, sharing a bottle of Vat 69 with the priest, he recalled: "That was the time I could

each other, and by cases he was accused of mishandling and for which he reaped more suits. In 1985 he lost a \$3.8 million malpractice judgment and soon afterwards parted with \$15 million to his fifth wife Lia, whom he accused of having extra-marital affairs with, among others. Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu and Zea Zea Gabor.

His firm's failure to collect an expected \$200 million over faulty silicone breast im-plants from Dow Corning which itself went bankrupt. caused the Belli firm to go

Christopher Reed

Melvin Mouron Belli, lawyer born July 29, 1907, died July 9, 1996

war and returned to Bavaria.

Efforts to revive the monar

chy were again stymied, this

Duke of Bayaria, a title which

now passes to Franz. Under the property settle-ment the family had to sur-

render much of its estates and

residences, but was allowed to keep Schloss Berg, part of the Nymphenburg palace in Munich, and the Schloss Ho-

henschwangau south of Mu-nich, one of the bizarre fairy-

tale confections built by the mad King Ludwig II in the

late 19th century.

After the second world war

Albrecht kept close counsel,

concentrating on his passion for hunting and fishing, and shunning the limelight and

the gossip columnists. He built up a massive trophy col-

lection of almost 2,000 stag-heads and 3,125 antier sets. A

Wittelsbach family founda

tion was also set up to spon-

sor education projects and

manage the family businesses

Albrecht Luitpold Ferdinand

**Lord Fraser of Kilmorack** 

## Boffin from Central Office

NE OF the curious aspects of the 1974 elevation as a life peer of Lord Fraser of Kilwho has died aged 80, he appeared to have he appeared to have been seen as a life peer of Lord Fraser of Kilwho has died aged 80, he appeared to have him a life peer of Lorde life him a life peer of the life peer of Lorde life of Lord Fraser of Kil-morack, who has died aged 80, is that he appeared to have been honoured for giving bad advice. In October 1973 as Sir Michael Fraser, then both deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and its top paid officer, he warned that instead of the spring 1975 elec-tion for which Prime Minister Edward Heath was planning, it was preferable to go as early as possible in 1974, before the miners' overtime ban

bit even more deeply.

He was strongly supported
by Nigel Lawson, brought in
to wage political warfare, and
other young Turks like William Waldegrave. Heath
trusted Fraser because he had known him since early war-time, when Fraser had in-structed Heath as a young ar-tilleryman. Heath acceded, going to the country on the anti-miners slogan "Who

Governs Britain?"
But Heath's indecision de-layed the election until the second week in February, and the Conservatives narrowly lost because so many Tory voters decamped to the Liberals. enabling a surprised Harold Wilson to take office with a minority Labour govern-ment. Heath, unusually, did not blame Fraser for his own indecision, making him one of his last life peers.

of his last life peers.

This honour was for his sterling work at the Conservative Research Department and Central Office. He went into the CRD — then headed by RA "Rab" Butler — in 24 Oki Queen Street as one of "Butler's boffins" in 1945. He rose to joint director in 1951 and sole director by 1859 and. bankrupt too. As well as innu-merable grandchildren, he is expected to have left a lot of man, became deputy chairman of the Conservatve Party as well for the period 1964-75. He was the classic backroom boy, with no parliamentary ambitions, unlike his contem-poraries Isin Macked, Regi-nald Maudling and Enoch

> In Butler's ambivalent phrase, he was "the best adju-tant the party has ever had." chairman of the Research De-partment, a post from which Rab had earlier been ousted. When Fraser's retirement dinner was held five years unable to attend, adding ambivalently: "There is no one I would rather attend a farewell meeting for than

time by the US occupying power which outlawed the restorationist Homeland and Michael.' Michael Fraser was a tall, Royalty Party. Although the title of crown erect figure with the polite-ness and reticence of a senior prince, stressing the claim to civil servant. I had first interthe throne, disappeared only in 1955 when Albrecht's viewed him for my 1972 blog-raphy of Edward Heath and father Rupprecht died, Al-brecht was entitled to call met him regularly in the House of Lords corridors durhimself His Royal Highness ing his 20 years in the upper

> Always polite and coolly friendly, his conversation never produced anything worth recording in a repor-ter's notebook. But sometimes his disguised wit could

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Birthdays

Roy Barraclough, actor, 61; Annabel Croft, broadcaster tennis player 31; Lord (John) Cuckney, industrialist, 71; Jean Curtis-Raleigh, psychiatrist, 63; Gareth Edwards, rugby player, 49; Michael Kenward, former editor, New Scientist, 51; Roy Palmer, cricket umpire, 54; Prof Lord (Randolph) Quirk, grammarian, 76; Graham Roope, cricketer, 50; Jennifer Saunders, comedi-enne, 38; Muriel Skeet, WHO consultant, 71; Ramniklal Solanki, journalist, 65; Robin Squire MP, minister of state for Education, 52; Sir Harold Walker, Labour MP, 69; Frank Windsor, actor, 69.

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him a very infrequent Lords speaker. The Sunday Express baited him after he had gone four years without making his maiden speech. He broke his silence in March 1978 on Scottish home the saving he Scottish home rule, saying he was against separation but if enough people living in Scotland wanted devolution, they land wanted devolution, they had a right to obtain it. His loyalty made him more regular as one of the Tory Lords lobby fodder. He was kept busy outside as a director of Glaxo from 1975 and of Glaxo Enterprises in the US from 1983. His directorship with the Whiteaway Laidlaw Bank lested until 1994. lasted until 1994.

He was born in Aberdeen, the son of a doctor. Like Tony Blair almost 40 years later, he



What do the middle classes want? Can you put it down on a sheet of notepaper, the PM asked Fraser

attended Fettes in Edinburgh. as a contemporary of Iain Macleod. At King's College, Cambridge, he read history and boxed. As a general staff Butler, who was initially his officer in wartime, he ad-patron, cooled toward him vanced from second lieuten-when, in 1970, Fraser became ant in 1939 to lieutenant-colonel in 1945. It was his former commander who urged him to work for a modernised Conservative Party after its 1945 defeat.

> came to be trusted was revealed in a memo from the then new PM, Harold Macmillan, in January 1957. It reed: "Dear Michael, I am always hearing about the middle classes. What is it they really want? Can you put it down on a sheet of notopaper, and then I will see whether we can give it to them." Unhappily, there is no similarly trusted and

**Andrew Roth** 

Lord Freser of Kilmorack (Richard Michael Fraser), political administrator, born October 28, 1915; died July 1, 1996

Death Notices

Births

## **Duke Albrecht of Bavaria**

## Durable dynasty that survived Dachau



Duke Albrecht . . . a claim to the thrones of Britain and Bavaria

last Bavarian king and head of the Wittelsbach family, one of Europe's most durable dynas-ties, has died at the age of 91 after a life that brought persecution from both German com-munists and Nazis. He died at his residence, Schloss Berg. on the Starnberg Lake south of Munich after a morning spent listening to classical music and a weekend at his country cottage in the southern Aus-

rian province of Styria. The Wittelsbach dynasty is more than 800 years old and the family ruled Bavaria almost uninterruptedly for 738 years. from 1180 to 1918, when Albrecht's grandfather, King Ludwig III, was dethroned by Bavarian communists who briefly seized power and es-tablished a "Soviet republic" in Munich Ludwig III, however, never abdicated and the family, now headed by Albrecht's unmarried eldest on, Duke Franz of Bavario 63, has never renounced its

The Wittelsbachs also de-scend from the Royal House of Stuart and in addition to seeing Albrecht as the puta-tive King of Bavaria, some Bavarian monarchists and English legitimists also viewed him as King of Eng-land, Scotland, Ireland, France, and Bavaria.

He was born the second son of Prince Rupprecht of Ravaria, and became a lieutenant at the age of 10 in the Royal Bavarian Army when

one, just so it's from Madonna. When you get back, I want you

to set her record playing. Let it put you in a trance. Then

Following the communist takeover. King Ludwig de-clared that he was no longer able to rule. Albrecht's father Rupprecht became crown prince and Albrecht was in the direct line for the throne, since his older brother Luitpold had died in August 1914. Neither Rupprecht nor Al-brecht ever renounced the claim to the Bavarian crown.

The Wittelsbachs moved to Austria, but returned in the 1920s to negotiate with the new post-communist republican government over which parts of their estates they could keep.

That period coincided with a church-led restorationist campaign when Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich regu-larly fulminated against the republicans and described the brief communist takeover of 1918 as "high treason." Konrad Adenauer, the first chancellor of post-war Germany. protested against the monarchist tone of cardinal'ssermonising.

Albrecht studied forestry and husbandry in Munich but when the Nazis came to nower in 1933 they refused to let Albrecht graduate because he would not join any Nazi organisations. As the Hitler dictatorship consolidated itself, the family fled to Hungary in 1937 and stayed there until the Nazis, who occupied Budapest in 1944, arrested them and sent them to Dachau and Sachsenhausen concentration camps.
They were freed by the

Michael. Duke of Bavaria, born May 3, 1905; died July 7, 1996

and art collections.

lan Traynor

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Statement: the EC has insisted that gin bottles must be round rather than square. Response: this is utterly untrue - this myth stems from an April fool joke. Statement: Brussels is set to

men to wear hairnets aboard

Response: this is nonsense.

Statement: under EC law all

fishing boats have to carry a stock of no fewer than 200 con-

doms to ensure that fisherme

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produce a standard Euro condom, whilst refusing to imple ment the subsiduary principle so that Member states can mke into account the differen national characteristics of the male organ. The resultant compromise is simply not large enough to house British

Response: any standardisation work in the area of condoms concentrates on quality and not on length. Extracts from the European Community web site devoted to Euromyths. It aims to debunk 'the myriad and perhaps surprising world of Euro horror stories that crop up so freyou can see the real person

MY SOLE purpose in creating this page filled with words of unbridled worship, honesty rivaled only by Madonna herself, and megalomaniacal rav-ings is this: I WANT THE QUEEN TO SEE IT. That's right Madonna, if you do indeed surf the web and you're reading this, you have fulfilled the one and only wish of the author of this page. And if I may he so imposing as to ask for one final favor, even after you have unknowingly labored for my absolute enjoyment and made all my fanta-sics come true. I request that

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## **Orange fires new** broadside in mobile phone war

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ROW broke out in the mobile phone industry last night after Orange launched a fresh broadside against its rivals, claiming most users are overpaying, and attacking what it called the industry's "cowboy" image.

"cowboy" image.
Orange, which this week
won a High Court case
against its rival Vodafone,
said it would be running a
fl million advertising campaign over the next three
months to highlight the simplicity of its charging system plicity of its charging system. But rivals immediately lined up to attack the cam-paign, with Vodafone accusing Orange of "milking the situation", while Cellnet said people would not be persuaded by Orange's claims.

In its new campaign, Orange of the companies of th

ange highlights its court victory over Vodafone, which had accused it of malicious falsehood and infringement of

Orange also says that, al-though Vodafone and Cellnet have shifted their charges nearer its own, "millions" of analogue users are still on higher tariffs, while many find the charging systems

Hans Snook said there were a number of practices in the industry that had to stop, in particular the multiplicity of charging systems
He also accused Volatione

and Cellnet, many of whose customers use analogue and not digital phones, of treating analogue customers like

"second class citizens".

Mr Snook added: "If the reactions of competitors are to try to muzzle you and go to court when you point out that their tartis are higher, some-thing is wrong. We definitely believe users are paying too much, and we want sanity in our industry." Last month, John Bridge

man. Director-General of Fair Trading, warned Britain's nine mobile-phone airtime terms from contracts they give consumers or risk the threat of legal action.

Mr Bridgeman said the suppliers were tying customers into contracts for at least a year, denying them a "cooling off" period once the contract was signed, charging fees for disconnection and burying contract terms in 'small print." Oftel, the telecoms regulator, receives about 4,000 complaints a year from

mobile phone users.

Vodafone brought the Launching the campaign, action when Orange said in a out in the market pranage managing director campaign last autumn that than in the courts.

save £20 a month" compared equivalent tariffs.

Giving judgement, Mr Jus-tice Jacob described Vodafone's case on malice as "hopeless" and said there was "little doubt" that ordinary people would understand what Or-

would understand what Orange's campaign meant.
Mr Snook said he was angry that during the case Vodafone's QC had accused three Orange witnesses of perjury, a suggestion Mr Justice Jacob rejected.

Mr Snook went on. "I think that was terrible — at that point, they didn't have a case, and I think Vodafone's solicitors should apologise. Despite Mr Snook's claims

that the new Orange adver-tisement was not a "knocking campaign". Vodafone and Cellnet were quick to condemn the move. A Vodafone spokeswoman said: "They are milking the situation for everything they

can get out of it. It is a desper

ate move from a company whose base is going backwards and whose share price has recently collapsed." David Massey of Cellnet added: "We thought very carefully over whether we should take action too but de-cided it was better to battle it



YORKSHIRE Water is laying new pipelines in its campaign to save water. The company, which last summer erected standpipes and threatened to evacuate

day that it had managed to stop 3 per cent of leaks from its 17,000 miles of

from 29.8 per cent in 1994-95 to 26.4 per cent in 1995-96. The company has promised to reduce the figure to

That work, plus the new pipelines and pumping stations, and a hosepipe taps will not run dry. Only 76 per cent of normal rain-

fall has fallen since June last year and Halifax and Huddersfield have not hit ages for 15 months. PHOTOGRAPH, JAMIE WISEMA

## Confident shoppers enjoy Somerfield offers poor summer spending spree

## Larry Elliott and Roger Cowe report on the continuing high street boom

years as a new mood of confidence among consumers prompts a rush to the shops, the Confederation of British Industry reports

With the housing market recovery boosting sales of household goods and the belated onset of summer at 2.8 per cent, slightly weather providing a fillip above the top end of the to clothing and footwear outlets, the CBI records the strongest month for retailers since January

The employers' organisation says it was the ninth successive month in which retail activity had risen, adding that business was set to remain well above av-

erage in July. The data provides timely support for the upbeat consumer spending predictions made by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in his summer forecast on Tues-day. The figures also follow yesterday's news that the and Prices Index — which year pick-up in the high street is shows the level of pay in-

BRITAIN'S high streets being combined with fall-ing prices.

Annual inflation fell from 2.2 per cent in May to from 2,2 per cent in May to

> cording to the Retail Prices Index released by the Office for National Statistics. for National Statistics.
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> Underlying inflation —
> which strips out mortgage
> interest payments and is
> the Government's pre-

Government's 1-2.5 per

cent target range.
Although 73 per cent of clothing stores and 87 per cent of footwear and leather outlets surveyed by the CBI said sales were up on a year ago, the RPI showed that clothes and shoes are still cheaper than

a year ago. Leading store groups yes-terday published further evidence of surging con-sumer confidence, which is being underpinned by cheaper borrowing costs

and lower taxes. The Government's Tax

creases needed to maintain living standards — is running at only 0.6 per cent, while average earnings are going up by 3.75 per cent.

Marks & Spencer chairman Sir Richard Greenbury told shareholders at the company's annual meeting that UK sales in the past three months had been almost 9 per cent ahead of last year. shead of last year. "Retailing in all areas

remains highly competitive, but there are now signs that the consumer is coming out of the trenches," he said. The chain's high street

rival, Storehouse, reported a similar picture. Sales at BhS were 7 per cent ahead of last year, although business had been buoyant at Mothercare, where sales were

4 per cent ahead. Mail order spending remains depressed, according to Great Universal Stores, the owner of Kays, Marshall Ward and other

leading catalogue Reporting its 48th consecutive year of pre-tax profit growth, to £581.1 million, GUS said sales for the first two months of the current year were lower than last

## spread for profitability

**OUTLOOK/Chains** of history hamper supermarket group,

says **Roger Cowe** 

OMERFIELD, formerly the Gateway super-market chain, faces an unhill struggle to entice investors despite launching a prospectus yesterday for its flotation on the stock market which values the shares at a knock-down price of between

180p and 190p. The flotation will free the company from Isosceles, the vehicle which took Gateway private in 1989 in a doomed £2.5 billion buy-out.

The over-optimism of that deal is illustrated by the \$700 million value now placed on Somerfield. Isosceles's owners, mainly venture capi-talists and banks, did recoup about £700 million from ass sales, but have had to write off almost £1 billion.

Flotation will put all that behind Somerfield, but the past remains its problem.

Gateway was put together in a stream of takeovers through the 1980s which brought together names such as Key Markets, Lennons, International and Fine Fare as well as Carrefour hypermarkets. The result was a chain which was large in store numbers, wide in geographic spread and style of store, and thus handicapped in the light against the focused super-stores of Tesco and Sainsbury of Kwik Save and the conti-nental discounters.

Under the management of chief executive David Simons, Somerfield has struggled to make the best of that bad job. To some extent it has ceeded, as illustrated by growing profits and performance indicators such as sales per square foot. It has sold or closed some stores, de-veloped the Somerfield brand and begun the process of con-verting the entire chain to a formula based on fresh-food

supermarketing. But the business is still too diverse, in the nature and location of stores.

Mr Simons argues that this is an in-town chain which can give supermarket service drive for miles. That is an attractive proposition but it hardly squares with the facts:

half of the selling space is tax charge, which will ear either edge-of or out-of-town, into profits. More fundamen while a quarter is in shops tally, Somerfield's heartland smaller than 7.500 sq ft. about a quarter the size of a stan-dard superstore and thus of-

fering a restricted range.

Add to that the geographic spread of the shops, which nampers efficient distribution and advertising, and you have the kind of business which nobody would choose to build.

Mr Simons would argue that is reflected in the share price, which is only just over eight times last year's earnings. The average for the food achieving flotation. He will retail sector is about 15, and invest more than £2 million of the likes of Kwik Save or Iceland shares trade at about 10

times last year's earnings. Analysts said vesterday that the low price would ensure there were enough buy-ers for the shares and had little doubt that Mr Simons would keep profits growing for a couple of years, by completing his strategy. But they cannot see where growth to underpin the necessarily gen-

erous dividend will come from after that. The first hurdle is a rising

tally, Somerfield's heartland is under attack from the the leading superstore operators. Planning restrictions have forced Tesco and Sainsbury into the smaller towns where Somerfield has often had a

clear run. Mr Simons has proved the doubters wrong once, by bringing what seemed a crippled business to the stock market. He has plenty of in that sum in Somerfield shares which he will hold for at least two years, as well as share options worth up to nine times his £315,000 salary, paying out only after at least three years, subject to share price and

earnings performance.

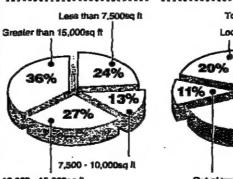
His efforts so far have made him a rich man and proved that there is life after corporate death. But the odds are against his making himself substantially richer and prov-ing that the quality of the afterlife can be good.

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## WTO panel fortifies whisky case against Japan

Julie Wolf in Brussels

HE whisky industry yesterday secured a breakthrough in a long-running campaign when the European Commission demanded that Japan change its taxation of Scotch and other European spirits after a World Trade Organisation panel ruled that Tokyo's taxes discriminate

against imports. The dispute panel's report said Japan broke WTO rules by imposing higher taxes on foreign spirits than on the Japanese rice-based spirit, shochu. According to the commission, tax rates for

their exports to Japan, said Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's trade commissioner.

A commission spokesman called on Japan to bring its tax system into line as soon as possible, "at the latest in the next financial year". A Japanese spokesman in Geneva. where the WTO is based, refused to comment

on the panel's report.
The Scotch Whisky Association welcomed the report and also urged Japan to act soon. Japan is the second-biggest market for Scotch outside the EU,

"The findings are very good news for the European drinks industry and should help remove serious hurdles currently hindering the association said.

The RU's battle with Japan over spirits dates from the 1980s, when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ruled that Japanese taxes were discriminatory. Changes Japan made to its tax system did not go far enough for the EU, which was joined in its WTO complaint by the US and Canada.

The commission argues that the taxes mean only 8 per cent of the spirits consumed in Japan are imported, compared with whisky can be six times accounting for 5 per cent of 25 per cent in the UK and those for shochu. exports — 50 million 73 per cent in Australia.

## News in brief

## **Ibstock confirms** DTI sell-off

IBSTOCK, which is buying the bricks business of Redland, said it had offered to sell certain of its assets, and Redland's, to meet Department of Trade and Industry competition concerns. The DTI had said it would refer the bid to the Monopolies Commission unless Ibstock gave certain undertakings. As a result of the deal, which was announced in April, Ibstock would become

Britain's largest brickmaker, with 34 per cent of the market. Ibstock said it would sell six factories with a combined capacity of 157 million bricks per annum, about one-eighth of the capacity of the combined business. The DTI said Ibstock should divest of six plants and ensure those factories were sold as going concerns. - Reuter

## First Choice falters

SHARES of First Choice, the holiday and travel group, crashed 9p pre-tax loss of £23.4 million, against £23.8 million for the same period last year.

Announcing the results, Francis Baron, First Choice's chief executive, warned that trading in May and June had been "below expectations", and said the group remained "cautious" about the final outcome for this year's summer holidays. However, he said sales had increased by 23 per cent to £386.2 million during the

## Rockefeller switches tack

AFTER the Japanese, it is now the turn of European billionaire dynasties to get their hands on New York's art deco complex, the Rockefeller Centre. The new owners will include Goldman Sacha, Tishman Speyer Properties, the Agnelli family (owners of Fiat) and the Niarchos family, the Greek shipping tycoons, as well as David Rockefeller. They paid \$1.3 billion (\$774 million) to the investment trust that held the mortgage on one of the city's most distinctive buildings.

The Rockefeller building previously belonged to Rockefeller Group, which was controlled by the Mitsubishi conglomerate of Japan. — Mark Tran in New York

## Kvaerner ships in team

KVAERNER. Europe's largest shipbuilder, is moving key management to London later this year, as part of a reorganisation following its acquisition of Trafalgar House in April for £904 million.

Kvaerner said the combined companies were being organised into six core businesses: shipbuilding, processing, construction, oil and gas, metals and wood pulping. The leadership of each core area will be based at Kvaerner's new offices in London. — AP

## Village people victory

YEARS of legal and political wrangling over a retail development ended yesterday with confirmation that the \$30 million project in Derbyshire can go ahead. The "designer outlet village", which neighbouring councils have unsuccessfully opposed in the High Court, will be built on a 25-acre site near South Normanton. Five buildings will provide 175,000 sq ft of "speciality retail development". The site will also include food and entertainment facilities. — Martyn Halsall

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Stock Exchange investigation into British Energy's conduct ● City will try to drive down share price Notebook

## Inquiry into nuclear offer

and Paul Brown

IE Stock Exchange yesterday launched an inquiry into the surprise, last minute announcement that British Energy was shutting down two reactors just before its controversial public

Exchange executives are said to be anxious to establish whether the Government and its advisers could have given potential shareholders advance warning of the safety problems which will impact

It emerged yesterday that meetings had been held be-

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London last

night appeared to have averted a revolt

by US state regulators

over its proposed £3.1 billion

But the deal sparked pro-test from UK Names who

claimed they were being un-fairly treated by comparison.

Chief executive Ron

Sandler said a framework

deal had been struck between Lloyd's and the North American Securities Administra-

tors Association proposing that the 2,700 US Names

would receive up to £40 mil-

loan which Lloyd's arranged

In return, the US states

must stop all litigation against Lloyd's and agree not

to launch any new legal actions against the market for

events which happened be-

Legal opposition to Lloyd's from the US had been mount-ing over the past year. Sev-eral states alleged that US Names were fraudulently

Lloyd's and

**US** states

agree deal

tween the Government, its advisers, BZW, and the company on Tuesday, to discuss the possibility of scrapping the sale or deferring it because of the dramatic shut-

Legal advice suggested, Legal advice suggested, however, that the flotation prospectus had given sufficient warning of the cracks in sensitive welds which led to the shut-down of Hunterston B in Ayrshire and Hinkley Point B in Somerset — two of the eight reactors being pri-vatised. They therefore pressed on with next Monday's sale without disclosing the problems.

ing in the rescue deal.

Mr Sandler, who stressed

that Lloyd's was not admit-ting any liability or wrong-doing, said the US agreement

Lloyd's as whole.
"We do run the risk of criti-

cism that we have given pref-erential treatment to one

had been "very real."
But Tony Welford, chairman of the 3,000-strong Pay-

said: "We would want to know, if they can do this for

paid their losses have not been given credit for this in

comed by the 9,000-strong

Association of Lloyd's Names. The individual US states

have until Sunday to sign the

Lloyd's is expected to an

nounce today a £1.2 billion profit for 1993. (It announces its results three years in ar-

and overseas investors.

BE announced that it was closing the stations on Wednesday just hours after the deadline for individual shareholders to bid for shares. The company denied witholding information, claiming that the legal pro-cess of clearing the announce-ment had taken nearly 24

hours. Meanwhile, Labour is de-Stock Exchange sensitivity mending a full ministerial statement and will stage a elled by last year's flasco over the sale of the Government's off next Tuesday — the third

Labour MP, Brian Wilson, whose constituency includes the Hunterston station. claimed the problems had been known for two weeks but had been supposed as a but had been supressed — a claim refuted by industry sources last night

Big City investors ready sceptical about buying shares in British Energy — looked set to exploit the shutdowns in order to drive down

The Government is looking early premium, as in all past for shares to be priced at 180p privatisations apart from BP. to 280p but had hoped to pur The closure of the two reacto 280p but had hoped to pur-suade institutions to bid at around 230p. But fund managers said last night that few would be prepared to pay more than 205p, pricing the company at just over £1.4

raise more, it may be forced into the embarrassment of selling a large proportion of shares in the nuclear com-pany to overseas buyers. Small investors will be given 50 per cent of the shares on offer after the Government

confirmed last night that 600,000 had applied. But, with the big players so cool about the issue, it seems unlikely

tors became inevitable after cracks were discovered in welds. Two other, identical, reactors at the same stations had previously been shut

These incidents follow earlier crackings in similar mentioned in the prospectus and have been repaired.

But if Dungeness is to remain open after December. British Energy has to make out a new safety case. Hartlepool is allowed to continue operating because a safety case for that station has been ac-

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## Out of the shade and into the sun



Edited by Alex Brummer

HE Chancellor's upbeat summer forecast, project-

retailer, Marks & Spencer, chairman Sir Richard Green-bury reported sales up 8.6 per cent in the first quarter as the British consumer emerged from the trenches. Although the group's Canadian and European operations con-tinue to drag. Presumably, as Germany. France and the rest of Europe reap the benefits of

COTTISH Television—
the ITV company 20 per
cent owned by the Mirror Group, whose stable includes the best-selling Scottish Daily Record—
restrictive conversed the first yesterday scuppered the flota-tion hopes of Caledonian Pub-Down the street at Storehouse, owners among other things of BhS. Mothercare and now Childrens World, sales also have advanced 8 lishing with a takeover bid worth \$120 million.

Caledonian, which owns the Glasgow Herald and Eveper cent in the first quarter, which should mean increased earnings despite some stiff

ning Times, has just com-pleted its beauty parade to City investors, seeking sup-port for a stock market flota-tion likely to put a price tag on the group of about ever, the company — which has managed to stand on the sidelines of the vicious cover price war between major Scottish newspaper titles has been forced to issue a statement saying it had received approaches which could lead to offers valuing

day the fifth biggest publishing group in Scotland was scheduled to agree the price for the flotation of its shares.

It is understood the management of Caledonian. which have a 6 per cent shareholding following a buy-out from the Lonrho group about

three years back, would prefer independence. venture capital operator, has a 57 per cent stake in Caledonian and is thought to be keen to extract the highest possible

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price for the business.

Set by Shed

ing strong rises in consumer spending this year and next, already is starting to look prophetic. Trading state-ments from some of the bestknown brands on the high streets and in the out of town shopping centres suggest that the combination of higher real disposable income, cash windfalls and better weather

— perhaps even a touch of feel good from Euro '96 — is putting some bite into sales. At the annual general meet-ing of the nation's flagship matter. ter export performance that could change, too.

competition.

Indeed, among the crop of retailers spelling out prospects it was only the old dowager, Great Universal Stores — or Gussies as it is fondly known — which dampened the party. Even though GUS has eked out its 48th year of profits increase, with a great deal of help from its financial property and Burberrys brand, its core business of catalogue shopping is deeply in the doldrums, and did not do much in the first couple of months of the new financial year. Although a clearer picture will come with the

autumn/winter season.

Plainly, no one wants to interfere with Gussies' successful formula. But it is expected that the company's new chairman Lord David Wolfson of Sunningdale. Who masterminded a stunning turnabout at Next, might have something different to deliver, including a revamping of home shopping, a share huy-back or even a takeover of Next - not that bizarre given it was GUS founder, the late Isaac Wolfson, who was among the inventors of mod-ern takeover.

## **Rothschild focus**

The tragic death of Amschel Rothschild already is focusing City attention on one of the London financial community's most distinguished houses. While the British house of NM Rothschild had a good 1999s as a result of its good 1980s — as a result of its inside track on privatisation and because of the trading success of its offshoot Smith New Court — rekindling that magic in the latter half of this decade is proving more diffi-cult. The world of investment banking has changed dramat-ically with the bulge bra-ket hanks - those on top of the syndicated loan tombstones

sweeping all before them.

The absorption of such UK

nouses as SG Warburg and Kleinwort Benson, into larger European counterparts, has been part of the globalisation trend which has left merchant banks such as Rothschild behind, potential prey to commercial banks like Nat-

West and ABN Ambro.

Just how much ground there is to be made up is evident from the first half results of one of those global players. JP Morgan, the heirs of the legendary JP Morgan. Its second-quarter results — the first from the big US investment houses - showed a splendid 40 per cent profits jump to \$440 million as a result of large increases in trading revenues (which almost doubled) and surge in merger and acquisition activity, where income was up by 79 per cent.

All of this which made this for almost three years. But it also demonstrates how diffithan- global houses to compete.

## Mobile code

T IS easy to write off Or-ange's new advertising campaign as an act of desperation, particularly at a time when it has failed to woo as many of Cellnet and Voda-fone's analogue customers as it had hoped, and when it claims to be trying to clean up

the industry.
However, if Orange's campaign does have that effect, it will at least deserve the thanks of Britain's 6 million or so mobile phone users.

There is little doubt that Orange's original campaign last autumn galvanised the group's rivals into cutting

their tariffs. The Orange campaign would be all the more useful if it encouraged its rivals to join voluntary code of practice for the entire industry.

## **Industry seeks** PFI shake-up

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form of additional debt for can't they do do it for us as giveness, to be financed using well?" The action group is funds from a syndicated bank angry that Names who have

NDUSTRIAL leaders warned Chancellor Ken-neth Clarke yesterday that the Private Finance Initiative risks failing unless he acts immediately.

The Confederation of British Industry said the PFI

would miss the Chancellor's £14 billion target and issued a list of key demands to revive the Government's plan to shift public spending — and the operating risk — on pro-jects such as new roads and prisons to the private sector.

Treasury sources have al-ready admitted that the flagship policy has stalled. Adair Turner, CBI directorgeneral, said yesterday business leaders were concerned about the amount of red tape

'misused as an excuse for the Government to cut back on

public spending".

He said business supported the PFI, but added: "The PFI is a tool, not a panacea. It does not magically produce money which was not there before.

set, delaying key infrastructure projects." Since the PFI was launche

to the CBI's report. Charles Cox, chairman of the CBI panel on the PFI, said

"Unless the PFI is better managed, it could fail to de-liver the benefits available and fall short of the targets

in 1992, public sector capital spending has fallen and would be 12 per cent lower in real terms by 1998, according

under current conditions the Government would have "great difficulty" meeting Mr Clarke's £14 billion target by and that the PFI was being



## Tumbling Dow heralds big sell-off spectre

and lan King

STOCK markets on both sides of the Atlantic shuddered yesterday when the Dow Jones Industrial index plunged over 100 points, drag ging European markets with it, following a profits warning Hewlett Packard. The sell-off Dow, which has enjoyed an on Wall Street, where the uninterrupted climb over the on Wall Street, where the Dow was down 132 points at one stage, triggered a similar reaction in the City, where the FTSE-100 index of leading lower, at 3749.0

fall could be the start of a long from computer company | awaited correction for the

last 18 months, increasing the value of the US market by \$2,400 billion (£1,550 billion). Wall Street has been worried about the tide of money from mutual funds slowing to a Some analysts and traders trickle, although dealers had been reassured by share price

increases having been backed

1 Vegetable not dated in the Pig and Parrot — Britain's

8 Dessert for king giving heart to returning supporter (7) 9 Collected the same sad

attributes? (4.3.5)

assortment (7) 1 Dirty beginning to sales man's spiel (7)

12 Ladies' lady bales out? In (7) 13 Test for calumny (5) 14 Double-check and force in

drunken sailor (9) 16 Covering trick that's taken in a city (9) 19 Firing minister who's lost his

21 Base characters in Globe (7) 23 Salesman carrying vase in attendance (4-3)

head (5)

24 Hot line to old artisfact (7)

26 Unnatural penchant for Down

1 Having a laugh about electrified head carrying charge (7)

2 Keep going into each artist's medium (7)

3 Composer getting right into novelist's scented stuff (9)

5 Encounter in which awar. leader is eaten by cat (7)

Scripture (7) 7 Religious symbol on church

measure in control (12) 15 Northern Arts raised money without force (9)

19 Fibre gets young ladies'

involving greeting (5) Solution tomorrow

## When corporate bonding comes unstuck agers showing initiative and creativity. The report's author, former single corporate model that communications, media influence, and the natural attempt

## LARRY ELLIOTT looks at dangerous trade of management training

ing is all-pervasive, costs British industry ing is all-pervasive, nigh-on £2 billion a year and is an almost complete waste of time and money, according to a report out today. What's more, this latest import from America is danger-

Far from being just an exlounging around in a posh country-house hotel, the

ANAGEMENT train- | litive-stroking" can be posi-

tively harmful. In a counterblast to one of the Britain's fastest growing industries the report by the Social Affairs Unit argues that talented managers reluctant to be taken in by the flow diagrams, the role playing or the quest for the "inner self" are likely to damage their

career prospects. Instead, promotion will go to those who prefer warm

The report's author, former can be applied to any organipersonnel manager Stephen Williams, says that only a sation, be it the law, medifraction of management training - the bit that deals cine, the police, the universities, even the church. with actual skills - has any

As for the rest, it's "nothing but useless, fashionable pseudo-theory, therapy and quack remedies - pseudo-management", the equivalent of 16th century medicine or re-education programmes in the Chinese cultural revolu-

"business plans" to justify their cost-effectiveness. According to the report: There is just no single, uni-versal model of an organisation to which they should con-

In one case hospital chap-

lains who comfort the dying

were required to draw up

ing young Turks to displace their old fogey chairmen and directors with a new Mark Hastings, policy adviser to the Institute of Manigement, agreed that many firms had adopted an un-

of each generation of thrust-

"They herd their people off on a course and think they can do the job. There is often no attempt to measure the tion.

"This popular notion is no attempt to measure the results of training, and good training can always be measure that superstition, born of faster sured," he said results of training, and good

thinking approach to train-

25 Rapid movement of whole self bearing right (7) image of large vehicle (12)

4 Attract student with slow

6 Composer's big bad deed in

-charge for sample 15-7; 10 Religious group showing

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